

Innovative Ideas Project Approval Form

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Family Promise of Pulaski County Is Where I
Do My Internship!!

Internship Agency/Community Organization within which you will complete the project:

The internship agency where I will complete my project is Family Promise of Pulaski County. Family Promise provides shelter to the homeless population and financial assistance to low income residents which can be used towards utilities and rental assistance. Shelter services are done with the help of volunteers within church congregations of various faiths. These local churches provide space within their buildings and volunteers who act as advocates to help the program run smoothly. Family Promise also have apartment-based shelters. This is done by establishing leasing contracts with surrounding apartment complex and then allowing a family to move in the apartment for up to sixty days rent free.

THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO DO

Brief description of project: The COVID -19 pandemic resulted in major setbacks to the shelter programs and services at Family Promise. Shelter services came to a complete halt in all the churches that we utilized to provide shelter and have yet to resume services. The apartment-based shelters ended their lease in June of 2022. The financial assistance programs were also placed on hold with no restarting date. My goal is to develop a plan to re-establish the shelter programs within the church congregations and develop a plan to restart rental and utility assistance.

I correspond frequently by email and often send emails to students about special events or information relevant to class content. **Email is usually the best way to get in touch with me, followed by text or calling my cell phone.** If you choose to contact me via cell phone, please identify yourself through text, or leave a detailed voicemail if calling. Office Hours are by appointment only, and conducted via Zoom. Students are responsible for information sent via their UALR email and are expected to check their email at least TWICE per week and to respond to my individual emails within a timely manner. In addition, a listserv has been set up to communicate with the class. Although I *attempt* to respond to students' messages within 24 hours of receiving them during the week and by Monday afternoon following the weekend, this is not always possible. Given this, you are advised to plan ahead and consult with your classmates about questions that arise.

XVII. DETAILED ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Innovative Ideas Project:

This project may be completed in groups of up to four people. If you do it in a group, only one submission should be made for each portion of the assignment, including each group members' name. The overall goal is to identify a macro issue at your internship agency (or one of your classmates' agencies if you are doing it in a group) OR the community (such as a community organization) that you can take leadership in addressing and will address for the next three months. This issue can be anything that affects more than one person/family/group. Examples include changing a policy, developing and/or implementing new policy, revising procedures (e.g., intake/assessment procedures, client check in procedures, safety procedures), implementing a recycling program, changing program hours of operation, changing forms to make them more culturally sensitive/LGBTQ+ friendly, or writing a grant. *It must be something you can realistically accomplish in approximately 8 weeks.* All projects must be approved in advance by the instructor by completing a provided form. This assignment consists of 4 related assignments and will be worth 250 points (not quite 50%) of your final grade for this course:

Assignment	Points Possible	Due Date
Innovative Ideas Project Approval	25	February 10
Innovative Ideas Project Proposal and Plan Paper	100	March 3
Innovative Ideas Proposal and Plan Update	25	March 31
Innovative Ideas Project Final Paper	100	April 28

The Highlighted Portion Is What I need help ON

Innovative Ideas Project Proposal and Plan Paper (4 - 6 pages + objectives)		
Section	Points Possible	Points Earned
Agency Description		
Describe the agency where the project will be carried out including the name, the population it serves, the types of services it provides, where it is located (city, state) and its funding sources. If the project will be carried out in a unit within a larger agency, provide a brief overview of the agency but provide information about the above issues for the unit the project will be conducted on.	10	
Problem Identification		
Identify the macro issue that needs to be addressed and how it impacts practice and/or delivery of service to clients. Describe this problem in detail so that I have a clear understanding of what the problem is.	10	
Briefly discuss why you have chosen this problem as the focus of your paper & why it is worthy of your attention at this time.	5	
Identify two benefits to addressing this problem at this time and why they are benefits.	10	
Identify two negative consequences that will result if this problem is not addressed and why they will result if the problem is not addressed.	10	
Identify two obstacles you expect to encounter while addressing this problem and how you plan to overcome them.	10	
Goals and Objectives to Address the Problem		
Using the attached table, write a set of goals and objectives that you will pursue to address the problem. Note that the objectives must be comprehensive, inclusive, and sufficient to address the problem. Since the objective will likely not have been achieved when you submit this paper, leave the completion/change date blank until it has been.	25	
Grammar & APA Style		
<p style="text-align: center;">Grammar & writing style:</p> <p>Colloquial expressions Awkward Multiple voices Agreement Unclear statements Tense issues Grammar Punctuation Other issue(s):</p>	10	
<p style="text-align: center;">APA style:</p> <p>Headings Reference page Citations Margins Justification Font Quotes Footer Other issue(s):</p>	10	
No introduction (-5) or conclusion (-5) or late		
TOTAL		
	100	

Goals/Objectives for Innovative Ideas Project*				
GOAL #1				
Objective A				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
Objective B				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
Objective C				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
GOAL #2				
Objective A				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
Objective B				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
Objective C				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
GOAL #3				
Objective A				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
Objective B				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed
Objective C				
Who	Will Do What	By What Date	As Measured By	Date Completed

*Repeat this format as necessary depending upon the number of goals for your project.

For the proposal, you will leave the "Date Completed" column blank unless you've already completed some of the objectives. Each goal should have a corresponding set of objectives. Recall that goals are broad and generally not measurable. Objectives are the measurable steps you take to achieve goals. Objectives should be sufficiently comprehensive so that if all the objectives are achieved, the goal is met. Grading for this section will consider whether the objectives are sufficient to reach the goal and whether they are realistic.