

**RADFORD UNIVERSITY**  
**School of Social Work**  
**SOWK 641 - Foundation Practicum and Seminar (3 credits)**

**Course Description:**

This is a practicum experience of 205 hours accompanied by six class meetings designed to integrate the academic curriculum with the practicum experience. This first semester of a two semester foundation field practicum and supporting seminar provides a forum in which students apply the knowledge, skills, and values acquired from the foundation curriculum to direct and macro practice. (2.1.1-2.1.10 (a-d) An emphasis is placed on assessment and practice grounded in theory. (2.1.3) The concepts of person in environment assessment and the generalist perspective are applied with a focus on strengths based practice. (2.1.7) Systems and ecological theory provide a frame for critical analysis and assessment. Social construction and empowerment theories help focus toward a respect for diversity and the use of practice methods that support “client” decision-making. (2.1.2, 2.1.8)

Practice is based on ethical decision making, valuing and respecting diversity, and working toward the dismantling of oppression, and establishing social and economic justice. (2.1.2, 2.1.5)

The focus is placed on assessment/analysis of client needs, client-worker relationships,