

OUTLINE FOR THE CLINICAL PRESENTATION WRITE-UP

The following is a suggested outline for the ICSW Clinical Presentation write-up. Students are encouraged to add items or otherwise alter the outline if such changes enhance their written presentation of their thinking. In addition to the write-up, a process recording of a session (or two) is required. The write-up, not including the process recording(s) should be about 15 pages.

1. Reasons for choosing this case for presentation
2. Identifying information: age of the client; gender; marital, occupational (or student), and economic status
3. Source of referral and identified problem/reason for referral, from the point of view of the referrer and of the client
4. Background/brief history of referral problem
5. History of previous treatment
6. Relevant personal/family history
7. Psychodynamic formulation: how do you understand why the client has the problem(s) for which he/she needs treatment? Include your thinking about the links between the client's current concerns, and ongoing character issues.
8. Discussion of Treatment Process: include the major issues that have emerged in the treatment; discuss impasses and how they were dealt with; discuss the way the therapeutic relationship has evolved, including transference and countertransference issues; how the client has changed (or not) in emotional, cognitive, defensive, and/or behavioral realms. If the case has terminated, discuss that process; if not, what do you see as continuing issues to be dealt with?
9. Reasons for choosing the process recording(s). Discuss what, in your view, the session illustrates.
10. What major ideas have you learned from this treatment and from the consultation process? How has your thinking about treatment changed
11. Additional comments