



# Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice.

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I am the vine,  
you are the branches.

He who abides in Me  
and I in him,  
he bears much fruit;  
for apart from Me  
you can do nothing.

John 15:5

The **truth** that  
sustained me and  
that guides my steps  
and my decisions:

## Assignments that related to Competency 4

- ❖ SWK 416/516: Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (NA), FALL 2022. Where I created a **treatment plan**. Where I learn how to apply theories and interventions.
  - ❖ SWK358/558: Social Work Research Methods (NO). I wrote an **article review paper** based on how to formulate a problem, develop research questions and hypotheses, discover the research design, describe the sample, conceptualize and measure, and describe data collection.
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- ❖ WK358/558: Social Work Research Methods (NO). My group and I created a research proposal based on *Suicidal ideation in the elderly population*. We did review few articles, address the the problem, we add the critical ideation, theories and model, the purpose of the study, the measurements and variables, the research design, and other details... I **enjoy** the topic, it was hard, but I hope we can implement it in the future.
- ❖ SWK417: Field Instruction & Seminar IN. In my field placement, I have to make a presentation about *new laws and safety plans that support and protect survivors of domestic violence*. I also **enjoy** this presentation because we are implementing the safety plans and the new laws at our client.

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- ❖ **SWK 101: Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (NA/NLS) Fall 2021**, where a colleague and I did research on child welfare, and based on that research, we made a presentation that showed the root of inequality in the system. I also **enjoy** this research because we discover and learn information about our own systems.
- ❖ **Introduction to Sociology**, I did a critical paper that I also **enjoyed** based on the benefits of daycares and because I noticed that, working in a daycare, I saw the highest development in kids social and personal skills.



# My experience in *Alliance University*



The most that I enjoy at Alliance is the culture, my professors, and the passion they have for what they do. And all that Alliance is a Christ-centered college.



What is next for me? I will be working in the same field placement as a case manager and social worker, and on September, I will start my master's program here at Alliance.

