

DIACONAL MINISTRY FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE  
LEARNING AGREEMENT

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisors (ELCA Pastor) \_\_\_\_\_

Field Work Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Component (or Mentor) \_\_\_\_\_

(It is possible for a person to serve in more than one of these capacities)

**The Learning Agreement will need to be updated with each successive stage of the field experience until such time as the 700-hour requirement is met. Please indicate clearly the number of successive drafts.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Learning agreement draft number \_\_\_\_\_

**GOALS OF THE FIELD EXPERIENCE:**

1. The candidate will develop a vision and understanding of his or her particular ministry of Word and service as rooted in the Word of God and witness to the Gospel;
2. The candidate will develop skills for understanding systemic relationships within and between congregations and societal agencies;
3. Based on the understandings of goals described in #1 and #2, the candidate will develop strategies that provide ministry at particular interfaces of church and society;
4. The candidate will be able to demonstrate competence in the previously stated goals in the planning and execution of the congregational component designed to engage the congregation's attention more keenly with respect to its ministry of the baptized in the world. Such a congregational component will evidence the candidate's grasp of Lutheran theology and its derivative understanding of Christian vocation.

The field experience requirements should be planned to give the candidate supervised experience in three areas of preparation for diaconal ministry:

- understanding and working with the congregation in relationship to the larger community;
- gaining expertise in his or her area of specialization;
- and theological and spiritual reflection about the relationship between these two arenas.

The field experience requirement will be met by completing a total of 700 hours of on-site, contact time at the church-societal interface, including supervised, guided reflection.

## Attachment A

Various work and field experiences may be arranged sequentially and cumulatively to makeup the required 700 hours. A minimum 240 of those hours will be devoted to the diaconal ministry congregational component.

1. State how this field experience will provide the opportunity for the candidate to **gain expertise in the candidate's area of specialization (field work).**
2. State how the field experience will provide the opportunity for the candidate to **understand and work with the congregation in relationship to the larger community (congregational component).**

## Attachment A

3. State how the candidate will **engage in theological and spiritual reflection between 2 and 1.**
4. As a result of this field experience how will the candidate exhibit the necessary skills to **provide ministry at particular interfaces of church and society?**
5. What work and field experiences will comprise the required 700 hours of the diaconal ministry field experience?

Candidate's signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

The Candidate will provide copies of this evaluative commentary to the Contextual Education Office, the candidate's Senior Faculty Panel and Candidacy Committee.