

Credibility and Competency in Structural Social Work

It's a Marathon, Not a Race!

Structural social workers in Atlantic Canada, with over 494 combined hours of practice experience, shared that passion alone isn't enough. You need to gain credibility & competence to successfully embody structural social work in practice.

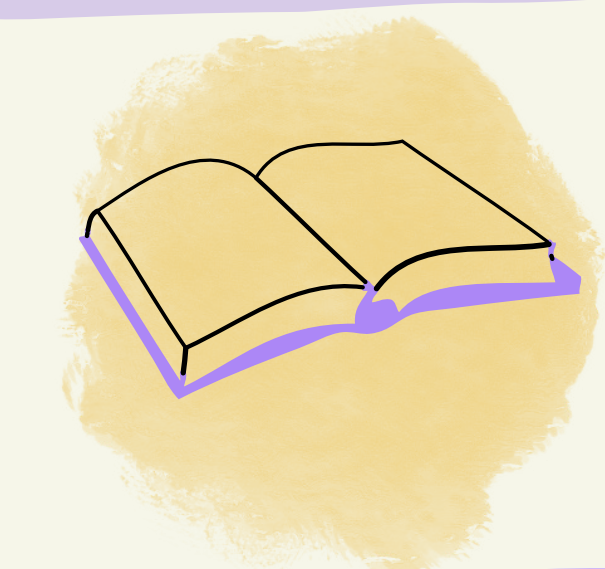
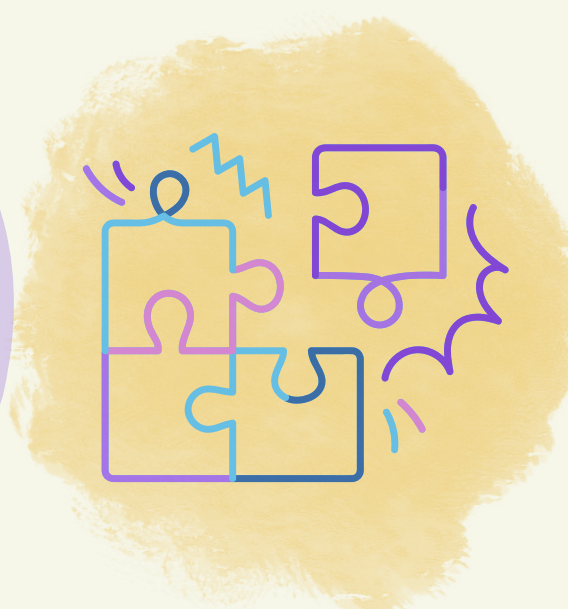


“But that’s the reputation you’ve earned. And if you’re gonna bite the hand that feeds you, you better be able to do your job at the same time. And so, you’ve earned that as well.”

To successfully practice structural social work, you must gain credibility and competency in practice.

Credibility and competency = building new skills, developing a reputation around your work, and engaging in ongoing learning.

Professional development is essential to a successful structural journey.

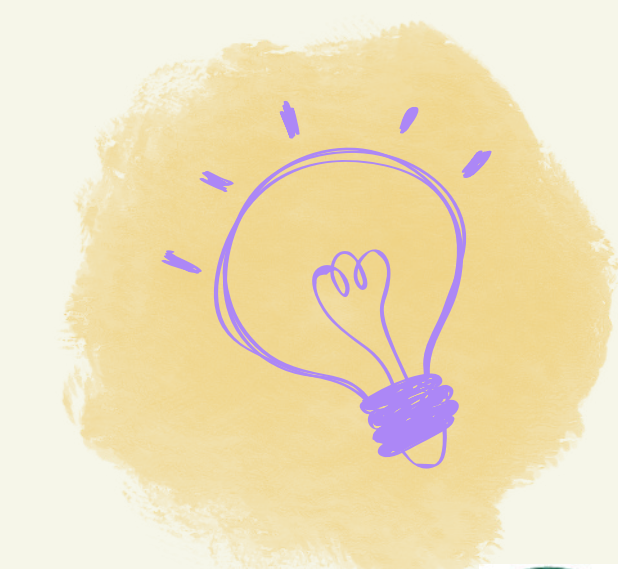


“Just because you got a degree doesn’t mean you stop growing. That’s the beginning of it. That’s the paper wrapper on the book that says fill this book.”

On-going learning doesn't have to be boring. Find an area of interest and dive in! Listen to a podcast, read, and/or find training that excites you.

With credibility and competency, it becomes easier to ethically push boundaries and issues at work.

Sometimes, you might make mistakes. The important thing is to learn from these.



“So don’t be afraid to make mistakes, or don’t be afraid to show people who you really are because they’ll trust you more if you do.”

“You’ll make mistakes and you won’t always practice structurally, but you’ll remember when it’s important.”