

## **Characteristics of a Scientific Practitioner of Social Work**

Use of the results of research and evaluation to the extent possible to select intervention techniques and other procedures that have evidence of effectiveness, and use of techniques without such evidence, only with caution.

Systematic monitoring and evaluation of his or her practice with each and every case, particularly through the use of single-system designs.

Having the skills and attitudes – the commitment – to keep learning, to keep searching for new and more effective ways to serve consumers.

Conducting practice as a problem-solving experiment, a project in which little or nothing is assumed as known or given, with the core task of the practitioner being investigation and discovery.

A commitment in words and deeds to the values of the helping profession, a sensitivity, care, and concern for the well-being, rights, and dignity of clients and consumers.

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