A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING
Hillside Health Care Center is a skilled and intermediate care nursing facility with the capacity to serve 95 residents. Nursing support is given by a full staff including RNs, LPNs, and CNAs. Services within the facility include laundry, housekeeping, and all meals. We offer a variety of activity programs plus outings into the community. Social Services are available for residents and their family members. Physical, occupational, and speech therapies are provided under contract with a local agency.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP
The scope of needs we serve is broad. A large number of the residents are elderly individuals in need of 24 hour nursing care. Some are nontraditional age nursing home residents with specialized needs, i.e. persons with Huntington's Disease. Another group includes a short-term placement to rehabilitate from an illness or injury, i.e. pneumonia or a fractured hip. Some of the diagnoses we deal with are: Developmental Disabled, mental illness, Alzheimer's Disease, and COPD. The residents served at Hillside Health Care Center are primarily elderly or residents with varying degrees of limitations, both physical and/or mental. This type of client group poses certain limitations. The diverse population in this setting provides excellent experience and education.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Students will have the opportunity to utilize 1:1 counseling skills with both residents and their families. Students will also learn what resources are available in the Missoula area for the resident population, and will network with those agencies. Students will be part of a multidisciplinary care planning team as well as completing social history assessments and other forms of intervention.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
Students are expected to work closely with staff of all disciplines to carry out social service programs within the facility. Students must be compassionate with an interest in working with disoriented and mentally ill residents, as well as cognitively aware clients. A student must also have the ability to work with families in sensitive situations such as long-term illness or death. Overall, the student must be a caring person with a desire to help others, be nonjudgmental, and have good communication skills.