

Reviewer comment-2

The topic of rural social work practice and social work field education is important; however, the manuscript lacks specific utility or actionable insights for the scientific community.

The title is misleading because the manuscript fails to deliver on the premise—the introduction a tangible, replicable model, which the author(s) label as Field Without Borders.

Specific Comments:

While the manuscript addresses a highly relevant and important topic—rural social work practice and social work field education challenges--

The manuscript purports to introduce a specific program or operational framework titled "Field Without Borders." However, the text fails to provide a concrete model, operational mechanics, or actionable framework that readers can analyze or replicate. To prevent misleading the readership, a manuscript promising a new model must thoroughly detail its components, implementation criteria, and theoretical foundations.

The Results section serves as a repetitive list of barriers that were already established earlier in the text. In peer-reviewed literature, the Results section must present novel data, clear themes, or empirical findings rather than reiterating previously stated challenges.

The manuscript introduces highly specific variables—such as a sudden mention of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)—without prior contextualization, theoretical integration, or broader narrative. While the issue of field education needs in rural communities is important, the manuscript need modifications