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General Syllabus

SOWK 3113 Social Work Practice I

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory: None

Prerequisites: Admission to the BSW program.

Prerequisite or corequisite: SOWK 3413 Diversity and Social Economic Justice

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Addresses the practice of social work in a case management context. Designed to introduce students to ways in which case management is used to assist vulnerable populations. A particular focus developing effective service plans with clients and finding the necessary community resources. All phases of the case management process will be discussed.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Apply and communicate understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
2. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/CODE/Default.asp>.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking**

Students will identify problems/issues, develop solutions, and analyze outcomes in generalist practice, case management.

Quantitative Reasoning

Students will apply quantitative reasoning as part of the scientific approach to social work practice, incorporating evidence based practice knowledge and research findings.

Communication Skills

Students will communicate proficiently and professionally in both oral and written documentation appropriate to social work practice.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes, identifying ethical dilemmas, affected parties, and apply ethical frameworks to resolve consistent with the National Association of Social Work Code of Ethics.

Global & Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for working with people, valuing diversity and utilizing cultural strengths in positive social change.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Generalist social work practice
- B. National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics
- C. Case management
- D. Topics relevant to Americans with disabilities