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## **General Syllabus**

### **SOWK 3733 Social Work Practice III**

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture hours: 3

Prerequisite: SOWK 3113 Social Work Practice I

Prerequisite or corequisite: SOWK 3433 Populations at Risk and SOWK 3423 Social Work Practice II

Effective Catalog: 2020-2021

#### **I. Course Information**

##### **A. Catalog Description**

Prepares students with knowledge, values, skills, and ethics for macro level generalist social work practice. Topics include community, bureaucracy, social planning, social action, and locality organization development.

#### **II. Student Learning Outcomes**

##### **A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Describe a framework for understanding community and organizational problems.
2. Apply an appropriate framework for understanding a target population.
3. Describe theories in understanding communities.
4. Utilize a framework for community assessment.
5. Describe how organizations can bring about change.
6. Apply the Framework for Organizational Assessment tool.
7. Develop community interventions using current methods.
8. Utilize the strengths/capacities, empowerment, and evidence based practice principles to guide practice in the community.

##### **B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

## **Analytical Skills**

### **Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will demonstrate the fundamental skills of engagement, assessment, and evaluation in generalist social work practice related to community, bureaucracy, social planning, social action, and locality organization development to bring about change. Practices follow a scientific-practitioner model, emphasizing the use of empirical data guiding social work practice.

### **Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will use professionally appropriate written and verbal communication skills to prepare papers and oral presentations, using styles that consider its usefulness to community, bureaucracy, social planning, social action, and organizational stakeholders and key players.

### **Ethics**

Students will identify and process ethical dilemmas, appraising ethical conduct shaped by institution norms and contrasted by the NASW Code of Ethics.

Students will analyze, synthesize and evaluate ethical elements of policies and practices, utilizing the strengths/capacities, empowerment, and evidence based practice principles to guide macro-level community practice.

### **Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will analyze and incorporate cultural diversity and differences into macro level generalist social work practice solutions.

## **III. Major Course Topics**

- A.** National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics
- B.** Developmental issues
- C.** Human behavior
- D.** Systems theory
- E.** Ecological perspective
- F.** Community assessment
- G.** Organizational assessment
- H.** Social Problems in the community