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General Syllabus

SCWK 37363 Social Work Practice III

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory or other types of Hours: NA

Prerequisite(s): SCWK 31163 Social Work Practice I and SCWK 30333 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II

Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): SCWK 34363 Populations at Risk and SCWK 34263 Social Work Practice II

Effective Catalog: 2026-2027

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, the student will be able to:

1. Describe a framework for understanding community and organizational pro
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 identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will appreciate and reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

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