OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use. Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department and the material will vary - see course syllabus available from instructor.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course will focus on social work issues in Canadian health care settings. Topics to be explored include: HIV/AIDS, provincial and federal health care systems; professional ethics; palliative care, death and dying; discharge planning; mental health issues; cross cultural issues in health care; and working with marginalized populations in meeting their health care needs. Students will be encouraged to develop a critical analysis of the health care system, health policy, and health services.

PREREQUISITES:

SOWK 330

PRE OR COREQUISITES:

SOWK 410 (Students in other degree programs, with a minimum of 45 credits, may be able to obtain instructor's permission at the first class. However, they should check with their program head to see whether they can apply this course to their degree.)

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S)

(a) Replaces: SSSW 450 (Course #)
(b) Cannot take: for further credit. (Course #)

SERVICE COURSE TO:

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION

LENGTH OF COURSE: 14 weeks

STRUCTURE OF HOURS:

| Lectures: | 30 Hrs |
| Seminar:  | 15 Hrs |
| Laboratory: | Hrs |
| Field Experience: | Hrs |
| Student Directed Learning: | Hrs |
| Other (Specify): | Hrs |

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

30

EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS:

Once per year

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)

☐ Yes  ☒ No

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)

☒ Yes  ☐ No

TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:

☒ Yes  ☐ No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s):  
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Chairperson:  
(Curriculum Committee)

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Dean:  
Dr. Jacalyn Snodgrass

PAC Approval in Principle Date:  
PAC Final Approval Date:  
Oct. 27, 2006
LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Undertake a critical analysis of Canadian health care policy and the health care system
- Develop an understanding of social work in health care settings, population health, the challenges of long-term illness, the eight factors in chronic illness, social work interventions for people living with chronic conditions, guidelines for conducting psychosocial assessments, the Provincial Long Term Care System, and health care ethics
- Understand the historical context of HIV/AIDS, International, National and Provincial HIV/AIDS strategies, policies, programs, and services and their implications for individuals and communities, as well as the personal faced by people living with HIV/AIDS
- Develop an understanding of mental health conditions, the DSM IV-TR, social work interventions with people with mental disorders, mental health evaluations, diagnostic criteria for: Depression, Substance Abuse, and Suicide and Self Destructive Behaviours, the provincial mental heath system, and structural barriers that interfere with those who require mental health services
- Understand the physical, mental, emotional, cultural, gender, social, spiritual, and religious aspects relating to death and dying
- Develop a beginning practice competence to work with those at the end-stage of life and provide clinical social work within a palliative care framework
- Understand the continuum of health care services (community to institutional care)
- Develop an understanding of marginalized populations’ access to health care, including gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered/two spirited people.

METHODS:

This course will be instructed using a complement of lectures, seminars, class discussions, videos, guest speakers, and field visits.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):
Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check :) ☒ Yes ☐ No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

This course is open to PLAR through portfolio and oral examination

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:


SOWK 450

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SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:
N/A

STUDENT EVALUATION:

Mental Health or Psych/Social Assessment 10%
Hospital Discharge Plan 10%
Major Paper on Health Care Topic 30%
Critique on an Aspect of the Health Care System 30%
Group Presentation on Service Sector (e.g., HIV, Palliative, Mental Health, Acute Care, Children’s Mental Health) 20%
Total 100%

COURSE CONTENT:

Topics to be covered in class include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Introduction to Health Care in Canada
2. Current Issues in the Canadian Health Care System
3. Social Work Mental Health Settings/ Mental Health Issues
4. Social Work in Community Health Care Settings
5. Death, Dying and Palliative Care
6. Correlates of Health
7. Psychological/Social Assessment
8. Social Work in Acute Health Care Settings
9. Social Work in Health Care Sectors (Mental Health, Palliative, Addictions, Hospital, Community)
10. Marginalized Populations and Access to Health Care
11. HIV/AIDS
12. Critical Analysis of Health Care in Canada
13. Cross Cultural Issues in Health Care