I. COURSE PREREQUISITES

This advanced level practice course is only open to Mental Health Concentrations students who are working, in their current field placement, with adult clients who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses.

II. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

This advanced mental health practice course focuses on the multi-level impact of mental illness on adults and families. Evidence-based interventions promoting increased quality of life and stability are emphasized.

III. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This advanced-level elective course offers students the opportunity to learn about effective, leading-edge social work approaches to providing humane care for persons with mental illness, especially those clients with concomitant substance abuse, developmental disabilities and severe socioeconomic disadvantage who are commonly considered “difficult” to treat. The course offers students a comprehensive approach to social work practice with this population which includes outreach, clinical assessment; treatment planning that includes strengths orientation with client’s environment and collaboration with other systems, advocacy and program development as well as management. The contribution of discrimination and social inequalities to clients’ difficulties is considered throughout the course, including discrimination based on gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, disability and diagnosis. Many different understandings related to the nature of the problem of severe mental illness are included and the required readings draw from various theoretical approaches to treatment, ranging from psychodynamic to ecological. The perspective of the course is client-centered in that the emphasis is on understanding the persons who have a severe mental illness, their strengths and the processes associated with acquiring care. The question of etiology, while addressed in other courses is examined in lieu of new research regarding the role of the brain in severe mental illness.

Required readings draw from classics in the field and are designed to give an historical perspective. In addition, readings from contemporary sources explore new research and practice in the field of the treatment of clients who have been diagnosed with severe mental illnesses. Readings are among the most recently available in the field.
This course fosters the integrative process of students by including content from policy, human behavior and the social environments, methods and research. The overall recovery perspective that fosters the integration process conceptualizes theories and approaches to research as heuristics, with assumptions, principles and concepts that have distinctive usefulness within particular contexts. The integration of clinical field experience with theory is fostered by the inclusion of case material throughout the course, both that provided by the instructor and also the students’ clinical experiences. Students are helped to compare and critically analyze the theories and research methods used to understand and evaluate this population. The primary focus of the course is consistent with the Health and Mental Health cluster’s recovery emphases and objectives. The course also consistently addresses the importance of enhancing family relationships and supporting families of those with severe mental illness which supports the advanced learning of students in the families and children cluster.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES

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<td>To develop advanced understanding of approaches to social work practice interventions with clients with severe mental illness, including neuroleptic management, residential and inpatient care, case management and community care, outreach as well as psychotherapy.</td>
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<td>To acquire a fundamental knowledge base about diverse approaches to program planning and development, including advocacy, in the care of this population.</td>
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<td>To acquire recovery oriented knowledge, skills, and approaches.</td>
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V. COURSE FORMAT / INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Most classes will be based on lectures, class discussions, field trips, videos, guest speakers, and small group experiential activities. A substantial number of case examples will be utilized based on the instructor’s clinical experience, case material in the literature, reports of students, videos, and guest speakers.

VI. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student learning for this course relates to one or more of the following ten social work core competencies:

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The following table explains the highlighted competencies for this course, the related student learning outcomes, and the method of assessment.

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<td><strong>Professional Identity</strong>—Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly.</td>
<td>1. Advocate for client access to the services of social work.</td>
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<td>Social workers competent in Professional Identity:</td>
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<td>• Serve as representatives of the profession, its mission, and its core values.</td>
<td>2. Practice personal reflection and self-correction to ensure continual professional development.</td>
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<td>• Know the profession’s history.</td>
<td>3. Attend to professional roles and boundaries.</td>
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<td>• Commit themselves to the profession’s enhancement and to their own professional conduct and growth.</td>
<td>4. Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior, appearance, and communication.</td>
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<td>6. Use supervision and consultation.</td>
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<td><strong>Ethical Practice</strong>—Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice.</td>
<td>7. Recognize and manage personal values in a way that allows professional values to guide practice.</td>
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<td>Social workers competent in Ethical Practice:</td>
<td>8. Make ethical decisions by applying standards of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.</td>
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<td>• Fulfill their obligation to conduct themselves ethically and to engage in ethical decision-making.</td>
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<td>• Are knowledgeable about the value base of the profession, its ethical standards, and relevant law.</td>
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<td>10. Apply strategies of ethical reasoning to arrive at principled decisions.</td>
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### Critical Thinking—Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.

Social workers competent in Critical Thinking:
- Are knowledgeable about the principles of logic, scientific inquiry, and reasoned discernment.
- Use critical thinking augmented by creativity and curiosity.
- Understand that critical thinking also requires the synthesis and communication of relevant information.

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<td>Distinguish, appraise, and integrate multiple sources of knowledge, including research-based knowledge, and practice wisdom.</td>
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### Diversity in Practice—Engage diversity and difference in practice.

Social workers competent in Diversity in Practice:
- Understand how diversity characterizes and shapes the human experience and is critical to the formation of identity.
- Recognize that the dimensions of diversity reflect intersectionality of multiple factors including age, class, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, immigration status, political ideology, race, religion, sex, and sexual orientation.
- Appreciate that, as a consequence of difference, a person’s life experiences may include oppression, poverty, marginalization, and alienation as well as privilege, power, and acclaim.

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**Human Rights & Justice**—Advance human rights and social and economic justice.

Social workers competent in Human Rights & Justice:

- Acknowledge that each person, regardless of position in society, has basic human rights, such as freedom, safety, privacy, an adequate standard of living, health care, and education.
- Recognize the global interconnections of oppression and are knowledgeable about theories of justice and strategies to promote human and civil rights.
- Incorporates social justice practices in organizations, institutions, and society to ensure that these basic human rights are distributed equitably and without prejudice.

18. Understand the forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination.
19. Advocate for human rights and social and economic justice.
20. Engage in practices that advance social and economic justice.

**Research Based Practice**—Engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.

Social workers competent in Research Based Practice:

- Use practice experience to inform research, employ evidence-based interventions, evaluate their own practice, and use research findings to improve practice, policy, and social service delivery.
- Comprehend quantitative and qualitative research and understand scientific and ethical approaches to building knowledge.

21. Use practice experience to inform scientific inquiry.
22. Use research evidence to inform practice.

**Human Behavior**—Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment.

Social workers competent in Human Behavior:

- Are knowledgeable about human behavior across the life course; the range of social systems in which people live; and the ways social systems promote or deter people in maintaining or achieving health and well-being.
- Apply theories and knowledge from the liberal arts to understand biological, social, cultural, psychological, and spiritual development.

23. Utilize conceptual frameworks to guide the processes of assessment, intervention, and evaluation.
24. Critique and apply knowledge to understand person and environment.
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<td>▪ Understand that policy affects service delivery, and they actively engage in policy practice.</td>
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<td>▪ Know the history and current structures of social policies and services, the role of policy in service delivery, and the role of practice in policy development.</td>
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<td>▪ Are informed, resourceful, and proactive in responding to evolving organizational, community, and societal contexts at all levels of practice.</td>
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<td>▪ Recognize that the context of practice is dynamic, and use knowledge and skill to respond proactively.</td>
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| 25. Analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance social well-being. |
| 26. Collaborate with colleagues and clients for effective policy action. |

| 27. Continuously discover, appraise, and attend to changing locales, populations, scientific and technological developments, and emerging societal trends to provide relevant services. |
| 28. Provide leadership in promoting sustainable changes in service delivery and practice to improve the quality of social services. |

| □ Strengths Based Plan for Recovery |
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Engage, Assess, Intervene, Evaluate—Engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

Social workers competent in the dynamic and interactive processes of Engagement, Assessment, Intervention, and Evaluation apply the following knowledge and skills to practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

- Identifying, analyzing, and implementing evidence-based interventions designed to achieve client goals
- Using research and technological advances
- Evaluating program outcomes and practice effectiveness
- Developing, analyzing, advocating, and providing leadership for policies and services
- Promoting social and economic justice

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VII. Course Assignments, Due Dates & Grading

All students are expected to regularly attend class and be on time. **A STUDENT WITH MORE THAN TWO UNEXCUSED ABSENCES DURING THE COURSE OF THIS CLASS MAY RECEIVE A NO CREDIT. A STUDENT WHO IS TARDY THREE OR MORE TIMES TO CLASS MAY RECEIVE A GRADE OF NO CREDIT.** If a student receives a no credit grade in this class, they will be required to repeat this class.

All writing assignments should be constructed with APA 6th edition format style.

Class grades will be based on the following:

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Each of the major assignments is described below.

**Class Participation – 10%**

Student is expected to remain in class for entire sessions. Student is expected to participate in class discussions.

**Due:** Each class session

**Article Presentation – 10%**

The student will choose an article from the syllabus and present the main conclusions to the class. Students will sign up on the first class session.

**Due:** Sign up for class session.

**Resource Drive – 5%**

The student will present a useful resource for a service for people who in need of social services. The student will present information for classmates. The presentation will have the following information. If possible a national organization might be useful to the majority of students.

☑ Name and brief description of resource.

☑ Contact information (address, phone, website address, name of person to contact, etc.)

☑ Requirements to receive service (diagnosis, catchment area, funding source, housing status, etc.)

**Due:** Last day of class.
Strengths Based Plan for Recovery – 12.5 x 6 = 75%

Due: Parts 1, 2, & 3 are due on Session 7

Part 4 is due on Session 10

Part 5 & 6 are due on the last day of class.

It is recommended that you include many quotations from the person with whom you are working.

***********Please use all the headings as listed below.***********

Strengths-based Plan for Recovery

1) Assessment
   - Brief Description of Person
     - Demographics
     - What is the person requesting help with?
     - Presenting symptoms
       - Identification, frequency, duration, intensity
     - Goals and Values of the Client (not the clinician’s goals and values)

2) Therapeutic Relationship
   - Plan for trusting relationship with this person
     - Welcoming and engagement (How was this executed?)
     - Unique and ongoing dynamics (What is unique about YOUR work with THIS client?)
     - Appropriate self-disclosure
     - Appropriate use of humor
     - Appropriate sharing of emotions
       - Sadness – tears
       - Excitement
       - Use of touching (hugging, etc)
       - Other

3) Shared Story of Illness
   - Contributing Factors
     - Precipitating events
     - Factors that increase stress and vulnerability
   - Trauma and significant losses
   - Symptoms of illness
     - DSM-5 Diagnoses (use proper format)
     - Differential Diagnoses
       - Justify all diagnoses
       - Remaining questions
         - What information are you seeking to rule out or rule in diagnoses?
   - How are behaviors and symptoms obstacles to goals and values?
     - Be specific. Name goal / value and discuss impact of each.

4) Shared Plan of Recovery
   - (We know that high quality in these areas contribute to stability and increased quality of life. Use academic references to support your assertions.)
   - (Be sure that you are articulating the specific plans for the future of each area. Be sure to write out all headings)
In your paper, you may want to comment on past and present situations of each. However, the essence of this paper lies in planning for the increased quality of each area. Consider both very small and long term goals. Use references to assert that these areas are important in recovery.

- What does the person most want help with?
- Resources that will help to overcome illness and other obstacles.
  - External (i.e. money, friends, family, etc.)
  - Intrapsychic: (characteristics, i.e., humor, persistence, motivation)
  - Describe with as much detail as possible. *(These are areas that you and your client discuss together about the future. This is not intended to address the past. What are your client’s ideas about each of these areas?)*

  - Areas to consider (Please use ALL headings in order)
    - Health
      - Physical
        - Body
        - Dental
      - Mental
        - Therapist
        - Psychiatrist
      - Social
        - Friends
        - Hobbies
      - Housing
      - Employment
      - Family
        - Partner
        - Children
        - Parents
        - Siblings
      - Education
      - Other

5) Summary of Process

- Tell the story of your experience with this person in chronological time. *(Use the following headings.)*
  - Beginning
  - Middle
  - End

- Within the above headings, include the following details. *(Bold or italicize each term so to make it obvious.)*
  - Aspects of Recovery
    - Hope
    - Empowerment
    - Self-responsibility
    - Achieving meaningful roles
  - Essential Therapeutic Skills
    - Creating a trusting relationship
    - Constructing a shared story of how the person got into trouble
    - How symptoms and behaviors creates barriers to achieving goals and how to overcome them
    - In-vivo skill building
    - Creating a healing environment
    - Therapeutic boundaries

6) Reflections of a Recovery Minded Social Workers (Use all the headings as listed below.)
Tell 3 stories that I will most remember about working with this person.
What interventions did not work?
What resources were lacking that would have helped?
What do I know to be true about working with people who have been diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses?

VIII. REQUIRED AND SUPPLEMENTARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS & RESOURCES

Required Textbooks


Articles and other readings are available through Blackboard.

- http://blackboard.com
- http://sowk.wordpress.com/

Note: Additional required and recommended readings may be assigned by the instructor throughout the course.

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FINAL EXAMINATIONS
Course Schedule

Unit 1:
Topics
- Introduction

Unit 2:
Topics
- History of Mental Health Treatment Delivery in United States
  - Introduction to the Philosophies of Mental Health Treatment Delivery
    - Mental Health Treatment Delivery in the Medical Model
    - Mental Health Treatment in the Recovery Philosophy
  - Stigma: Definitions, Impact, and Stigma Busters

Required Readings


Concurrent Disorders: Beyond the Label. An Educational Kit to Promote Awareness and Understanding of the Impact of Stigma on People Living with Concurrent Mental Health and Substance Use Problems. www.camh.net/About_Addiction_Mental_Health/Concurrent_Disorders/beyond_the_label.html


Recommended Readings


Fountain House: www.fountainhouse.org


Unit 3:

Topics
- Introduction to the Philosophies of Mental Health Treatment Delivery
- Mental Health Treatment Delivery in the Medical Model
- Mental Health Treatment in the Recovery

Philosophy Levels of Care: Theories and Goals
- Crisis Intervention
- Inpatient Hospitalization
  - Voluntary vs. Involuntary treatment
- Psychosocial Rehabilitation
  - Clubhouse Model
  - Day Programs
- Vocational Programs
- Case Management
  - Clinical Case Management
  - Assertive Case Management (ACT)
- Residential Programs
  - Board and Care
  - Alternative Residential Programs:
    - Soteria House
    - R.D. Lang (Asylum)
    - John Weir Perry Diabasis
    - Work Farms
    - Geel, Belgium
- Self-help Groups
- Psychotherapy

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


Unit 4:

Topics

- Defining the Population from a Medical Perspective: Diagnosis, Etiology, Course of Illness, and Treatment Options, including Medication
  - Psychotic Disorders
    - Positive and Negative Psychotic
    - Symptoms Schizophrenia,
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  - Mood Disorders
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    - Cluster B: Borderline, Narcissistic, and Antisocial Personality Disorders
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Unit 5:

Topics

- Integrated Care for People with Co-Occurring Disorders
  - Scope and Dynamics of Co-morbidity between Mental Illness and Substance Abuse
  - Poverty and homelessness
  - Evidence Based Interventions with People with Co-occurring Disorders
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Required Readings


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Unit 6:
Topics
- Recovery in Action: An Example
  - Supportive Employment
  - Member Panel

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


Unit 7:
Topics
- Understanding and Communicating with a Person who is Experiencing Psychosis

Required Readings


**Recommended Readings**


**Unit 8:**

**Topics**

- Symptom Management
  - Wellness Recovery and Action Plan (WRAP)
  - Illness Management and Recovery (IMR)

**Required Readings**


**Recommended Readings**

**Unit 9:**

**Topics**
- Supportive Housing
- Project 50
- Managing Crisis Situations: Risk for Suicide, Violence and Sociopathic Behaviors
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- Evidence- and Practice-based Methods for Managing Crisis Situations that include Risk for Suicide, Violence and Sociopathic Behaviors

**Required Readings**

Corporation for Supportive Housing.


**Unit 10:**

**Topics**
- Culture, Class, Ethnicity, and Mental Illness
- The Effects of Culture, Class and Ethnicity on Diagnosis and Treatment
- Equal Access to High Quality Care
- Cultural Sensitivity

**Required Readings**


**Recommended Readings**


**Unit 11:**

**Topics**

- Mental Health Law and Advocacy

**Required Readings**

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  - Multi-Family Groups: An Evidence Based Intervention

Required Readings


Recommended Readings


Unit 14:
Topics
- Peer Support

Required Readings


Recommended Readings

Caris, Silvia. [www.peoplewho.com](http://www.peoplewho.com)

Campbell, Jean


Unit 15:
Topics
- Resource Drive
- Wrap-Up
- Course Evaluations

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Additional References


Websites of Interest

Advocacy Organizations of Families and Peers

CNMHC (California Network of Mental Health Clients) [www.Californiclients.org](http://www.Californiclients.org)

Copeland Center [www.mentalhealthrecovery.com](http://www.mentalhealthrecovery.com)

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) [www.nasw.org](http://www.nasw.org)

NEC (National Empowerment Center) [www.Power2u.org](http://www.Power2u.org)

International Society for the Psychological Treatment of the Schizophrenias and Related Psychosis – USA

Chapter [www.isps-us.org/index.htm](http://www.isps-us.org/index.htm)

National Empowerment Center [www.power2u.org](http://www.power2u.org)
University Policies and Guidelines

IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend every class and to remain in class for the duration of the Unit. Failure to attend class or arriving late may impact your ability to achieve course objectives which could affect your course grade. Students are expected to notify the instructor by email (shannond@usc.edu) of any anticipated absence or reason for tardiness.

University of Southern California policy permits students to be excused from class, without penalty, for the observance of religious holy days. This policy also covers scheduled final examinations which conflict with students’ observance of a holy day. Students must make arrangements in advance to complete class work which will be missed, or to reschedule an examination, due to holy days observance.

Please refer to Scampus and to the USC School of Social Work Student Handbook for additional information on attendance policies.

X. STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

USC seeks to maintain an optimal learning environment. General principles of academic honesty include the concept of respect for the intellectual property of others, the expectation that individual work will be submitted unless otherwise allowed by an instructor, and the obligations both to protect one’s own academic work from misuse by others as well as to avoid using another’s work as one’s own. All students are expected to understand and abide by these principles. Scampus, the Student Guidebook, contains the Student Conduct Code in Section 11.00, while
the recommended sanctions are located in Appendix A: [http://www.usc.edu/dept/publications/SCAMPUS/gov/](http://www.usc.edu/dept/publications/SCAMPUS/gov/). Students will be referred to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards for further review, should there be any suspicion of academic dishonesty. The Review process can be found at: [http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/](http://www.usc.edu/student-affairs/SJACS/).

Additionally, it should be noted that violations of academic integrity are not only violations of USC principles and policies, but also violations of the values of the social work profession.

**XI. Statement for Students with Disabilities**

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. *Please be sure the letter is delivered to the instructor as early in the semester as possible.* DSP is located in STU 301 and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

**XII. Emergency Response Information**

To receive information, call main number (213)740-2711, press #2. “For recorded announcements, events, emergency communications or critical incident information.”

To leave a message, call (213) 740-8311

For additional university information, please call (213) 740-9233

Or visit university website: [http://emergency.usc.edu](http://emergency.usc.edu)

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**XIII. Statement about Incompletes**

The Grade of Incomplete (IN) can be assigned only if there is work not completed because of a documented illness or some other emergency occurring after the 12th week of the semester. Students must NOT assume that the instructor will agree to the grade of IN. Removal of the grade of IN must be instituted by the student and agreed to be the instructor and reported on the official “Incomplete Completion Form.”

**XIV. Policy on Late or Make-Up Work**

Papers are due on the day and time specified. Extensions will be granted only for extenuating circumstances. If the paper is late without permission, the grade will be affected. Students who wish to have extensions on deadlines based on disabilities are required to register with the Office of Student Disabilities before the due date of the assignment.
XV. POLICY ON CHANGES TO THE SYLLABUS AND/OR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

It may be necessary to make some adjustments in the syllabus during the semester in order to respond to unforeseen or extenuating circumstances. Adjustments that are made will be communicated to students both verbally and in writing.

XVI. CODE OF ETHICS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Approved by the 1996 NASW Delegate Assembly and revised by the 2008 NASW Delegate Assembly http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/Code/code.asp

Preamble

The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human wellbeing and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. A historic and defining feature of social work is the profession’s focus on individual wellbeing in a social context and the wellbeing of society. Fundamental to social work is attention to the environmental forces that create, contribute to, and address problems in living.

Social workers promote social justice and social change with and on behalf of clients. “Clients” is used inclusively to refer to individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social workers are sensitive to cultural and ethnic diversity and strive to end discrimination, oppression, poverty, and other forms of social injustice. These activities may be in the form of direct practice, community organizing, supervision, consultation administration, advocacy, social and political action, policy development and implementation, education, and research and evaluation. Social workers seek to enhance the capacity of people to address their own needs. Social workers also seek to promote the responsiveness of organizations, communities, and other social institutions to individuals’ needs and social problems.

The mission of the social work profession is rooted in a set of core values. These core values, embraced by social workers throughout the profession’s history, are the foundation of social work’s unique purpose and perspective:

- Service
- Social justice
- Dignity and worth of the person
- Importance of human relationships
- Integrity
- Competence

This constellation of core values reflects what is unique to the social work profession. Core values, and the principles that flow from them, must be balanced within the context and complexity of the human experience.

XVII. COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint or concern about the course or the instructor, please discuss it first with the instructor. If you feel cannot discuss it with the instructor, contact the chair of the Mental Health Concentration. If you do not receive a satisfactory response or solution, contact your advisor and/or the Associate Dean for Student Affairs for further guidance.

XVIII. TIPS FOR MAXIMIZING YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN THIS COURSE

- Be mindful of getting proper nutrition, exercise, rest and sleep!
- Come to class.
- Complete required readings and assignments BEFORE coming to class.
- BEFORE coming to class, review the materials from the previous Unit AND the current Unit, AND scan the topics to be covered in the next Unit.
Come to class prepared to ask any questions you might have.
Participate in class discussions.
AFTER you leave class, review the materials assigned for that Unit again, along with your notes from that Unit.
If you don't understand something, ask questions! Ask questions in class, during office hours, and/or through email!
Keep up with the assigned readings.

Don’t procrastinate or postpone working on assignments.