Metropolitan State University

PSYC 306 : Child Abuse

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: PSYC 100 General Psychology or equivalent with instructor's consent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course covers major areas of child maltreatment. Topics include definitions of physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect; methods of prevention, intervention and treatment; and community resources.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/01/1998 - 09/05/1999 09/06/1999 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Students will be able to describe the historical evolution of child abuse and neglect as a social issue.
2. Students will gain awareness of the different forms of child abuse and neglect, and complexities. Also students will be able to describe underlying factors that contribute to abuse and neglect.
3. Students will gain knowledge of different forms of intervention strategies for child abuse, as well as knowledge of appropriate community resources.
4. Students will learn indicators of at risk families or children-at-risk of child abuse and know the main components of child abuse mandatory reporting laws.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
2. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
3. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

None