SOWK 321 : Social Work Practice I

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course examines frameworks for social work practice, social work values and ethics, ethnic competence in multicultural contexts and the professional relationship skills required for effective beginning social work practice. The stages of the problem solving process are examined in detail with emphasis on working at all levels of client systems: individuals and families; groups; and communities and organizations. An understanding of theories of culture and of multicultural interventions is emphasized. Prerequisite: Admission to social work major.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/16/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Identify appropriate engagement and contracting with individuals, families, and groups.
2. Identify the dynamics of the termination process in work with individuals, families, and groups.
3. Recognize appropriate communication in the professional interaction.
4. Use critical thinking to analyze ethical dilemmas and make beginning professional judgments on courses of action to be taken based on social work values and ethics.
5. Use critical thinking to assess the problems, needs, and strengths of the client-system in the environmental context and in the context of the social worker-client interaction.
6. Use critical thinking to formulate intervention strategies across all systems for the benefit of individuals, families and groups.
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8. Use critical thinking to formulate practice evaluation and follow-up plans.
9. Use self-observation skills in preparation for working with individual, family, and group client-systems including those who differ from themselves.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisite: Admission to social work major.