Theories and realities of diverse family structure and function will be the foundation of this course. The students will examine the unique roles of parents, family, and community in the lives of children who live in urban settings with particular focus on the racial, cultural and ethnic groups that reside in the metropolitan Twin Cities. Opportunities will be available for students to compare their own life and family experiences to those of children living in today's urban communities through primary research experiences. The role of the urban teacher in effectively working with diverse urban families, and strategies for building effective home-school partnerships will be discussed. Clinical field experience hours are part of the course requirements.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/18/2018 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Link families with a range of family-oriented services based on identified resources, priorities and concerns.
2. Understand theories of families and dynamics, roles, and relationships within families and between families and communities.
3. Be sensitive to differences in family structure and social and cultural background.
4. Establish and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with families.
5. Increase understanding of the cultural content, world view, and concepts that comprise Minnesota-based American Indian tribal government, history, language, and culture.
6. Respect family choices and goals for their children.
7. Support families in assessing educational options and in making decisions related to child development and parenting.
8. Understand the need to communicate with families about curriculum and their children's progress.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Note: Admission to Urban Teacher Program or Department approval required to register. Clinical field experience hours are part of the course requirements.

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