

HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES

HSS 201 Case Management (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to the concept of case management and how it is used to provide human services. Students will learn assessment skills, treatment planning, intervention strategies, and community resources. Exploration of the many factors affecting case management today, including federal legislation, emerging client groups, technology, shifting demographics, new service delivery models, and the resulting ethical and legal dilemmas.

HSS 223 Principles of Interviewing and Counseling (3 Credits)

An introduction to the components of interviewing and counseling to build client relationships and guide the process of personal change.

HSS 228 Crisis Intervention (3 Credits)

In this course, students will engage in concepts related to crises, explore various response strategies, discuss diversity, utilize research findings in connection to crisis events, and explore concepts in self-help strategies.

HSS 235 Group Work in Human Services (3 Credits)

The emphasis of this course is to engage the student in learning the various types of groups, assessing the group, and group dynamics. Various group theories will be reviewed, covering the strengths and weaknesses of each treatment modality, and cultural considerations of each treatment theory.

HSS 244 Addiction Counseling (3 Credits)

Students learn about the causes and symptoms of addiction and treatment strategies used with drug and alcohol-addicted individuals. This course addresses impacts on the family, special groups and issues in chemical dependency, and prevention strategies.

HSS 250 Interpersonal Skills (3 Credits)

The course is designed to enhance the verbal and non-verbal communication skills necessary for social work practice. Skills, values and knowledge of effective personal and professional communication are introduced in the course. An emphasis is placed on self-awareness, interactive listening, attending behaviors and self-disclosure. This course requires a 25 hour volunteer experience.

HSS 260 Alcohol and Drug Use in American (3 Credits)

This course is designed to introduce the student to the social reality of drug use and drug users. Course participants will study the historical significance and social construction of drug use, users, abuse and addiction.

HSS 285 Child Welfare in Rural Communities (3 Credits)

This course provides an overview of the child welfare system in the rural United States. Students will identify social factors that influence the child welfare system, prevention strategies, and intervention and treatment modalities. Other topics reviewed in the course will consist of various cultural needs and life cycles of the diverse family.

HSS 286 Family Dynamics (3 Credits)

This course applies a variety of theoretical perspectives, including systems theory and person-in-environment in order to use skills to engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate social work practice with families.