

Three Rivers Community College

**Spring 2015
HSV 202**

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Work With Agencies and Communities

Course Description:

An introduction to the study of community organization as a method of social work practice, which has as its major objective of practice the planning and implementation of programs directed toward some aspect of community change. The skills, methods and functions of community service workers will be explored and integrated into other skills and methods of social service practice which are a part of a student's overall learning experiences in the social service program.

Required Text:

Community Organizing in a Diverse Society (Felix G. Rivera and John L. Erlich).

Learning Objectives/Outcomes:

- . To help students have a better understanding of the historical, social, economic and political context of community organization as a social work/human services method of direct practice.**
- . To acquaint students with the various practice settings for community organizations.**
- . To help students make practical applications between community organization, as a method of social work/human services practice and social justice by organizing a public forum on a relevant social issue, selected by the Instructor.**

Topic: Unemployed and out-of-school youth between the ages of 16-24 in our region.

Public Forum: May 2015

Assignments:

- . Community analysis of the special topic**
- . Public Forum on unemployed and out-of-school youth**

Attendance Policy:

Each student is expected to maintain regular attendance in class. Students absent more than three class sessions are in jeopardy of failing the class.

Office Hours:

Fridays: 11:00 AM-2:30 PM
Saturdays: 11:45 AM-2:00PM
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