

Three Rivers Community College

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HSV 202
204-C**

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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.**

Assignments:**1. Community analysis of a selected town/city in Southeastern Connecticut**

The written report of 10-12 pages should include population and demographic data, economic, social, political/governance structure, employment, health, transportation, educational, housing, media/communications and general well-being data of the citizens of the community, as well as a historical description of the selected town and community in Part 1 of the report. Part 2 will include a discussion of a public health issue identified in the selected town, with discussions on its resolution from a public health and community organization perspective.

2. Small group work assignment on selected town or city in Region.**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.