

Three Rivers Community College

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HSE K281

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Practicum in Human Services

Course Description:

This course is a practicum/field work experience in human services which is defined as direct involvement in a non-classroom setting sponsored by the College and jointly supervised by the agency and faculty. Students are expected to participate in a weekly seminar. Students must have completed a minimum of 30 credits with 12 credits in human services degree courses.

Required Text:

The Social Work Interview: A Guide for Human Service Professionals. Alfred and Goldie Kadushin, 1997 (4th Edition).

Learning Outcomes

- . Engagement of students in group discussions to enhance their direct practice learning experiences;
- . To provide evidence-based learning experiences through a range of direct practice experiences that includes opportunities to work with clients in a community-based, agency setting;
- . To provide learning opportunities for students to have a better understanding of specific population groups and how they are affected by social problems or issues;
- . To provide opportunities for each student to complete a 90 hour field work assignment in a direct practice setting under the supervision of a professional agency staffer and overview of College faculty.

Assignments:

1. Typed paper (5-6 pages) on the history, mission, programs, delivery of services, population(s) served by agency, funding, etc. of the agency. Represents 25 percent of final grade.
Due:
2. Typed paper (5-6 pages) detailing the field work experience at the agency. Represents 25 percent of final grade.
Due:
3. Completion of 90 hours of field work in an approved social service agency by the end of the semester. Represents 50 percent of final grade.