

Three Rivers Community College

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HSV K281
3 Credit Course**

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PRACTICUM IN HUMAN SERVICES

Course Description:

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

Prerequisite:

By permission of the Instructor.

Required Text:

Learning Outcomes:

- To engage students in class discussions and knowledge base with direct human service practice experience.
- Evidence of ability to identify a range of direct practice experiences in the process of working with clients to achieve optimal social functioning.
- Evidence of student understanding of the human services body of knowledge and how specific population groups are affected by a particular social problem or issue.
- Participation in and completion of a 90-hour field placement in a social service organization.

Assignments:

Assignment #1:

Written report on organization or agency, describing the history, mission (including the precise mission statement) and current social service delivery system, in 3 – 5 pages. All reports are to be typed.

Assignment #2:

Detailed written description of your specific job responsibilities with the agency. Include job description (if one is provided to you). If not, draft a working document that will guide you through the field placement. In this portion of the report, include information on the area of service (foster care, elderly services, homelessness, child abuse or neglect, poverty, etc.) demographics on the population groups served by the agency, the method of practice (community organization, case management, group work, research, policy and planning, etc.), in 4 –6 pages.

Assignment #3:

Oral presentation to class on your field placement experience.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to maintain regular class attendance. Students who miss more than three (3) classes are in jeopardy of receiving a marginal grade or failing the course.