

## THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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HSE K101

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### Introduction to Human Services

#### Course Description:

This course is designed to familiarize the student with the current theory and knowledge related to human services> The course will include a survey of the helping professions including a history of social welfare and human service agencies. The course will include guest speakers and an opportunity to observe human service organizations. Students will be expected to complete ten (10) hours of volunteer service in the community.

#### Required Text(s):

Popple & Leighninger. Social Work, Social Welfare and American Society. Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon (2008).

Shelman & Lazoritz. Out of the Darkness: The Story of Mary Ellen Wilson. 2000.

#### Learning Outcomes

- . Demonstrate understanding of basic concepts of social welfare;
- . Understand the differences among the competing ideological perspectives that influence the social welfare policy-making processes;
- . Demonstrate understanding of current social problems;
- . Demonstrate understanding of the historical development of the social work profession;
- . Recognize and apply the values and principles of the social work profession;
- . Analyze current social welfare issues;
- . Demonstrate ability to understand one's own ideological perspective on social welfare.

**Course Assignments:**

**Assignment # 1:**

Each student is to complete a ten (10) hour service-learning project at a social service agency in the community at large. A typed, 3-page report on the project is required.

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment #2:**

Submit a 4-5 page report on the Mary Ellen Wilson story. The paper must include a brief summary of the story and a detailed discussion on four (4) lessons society learned (or should have learned) from the Mary Ellen Wilson case.

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment #3:**

Mid-Term Examination: TBA \_\_\_\_\_

**Assignment #4:**

Final position paper on the role of social welfare in a democracy such as ours. All papers must include a historical discussion that traces the roots of social welfare back to England, beginning at 1348. Select one theoretical perspective to explain your position on social welfare (liberal, conservative or radical). All assignments will be the result of each student's independent work. All papers must have a bibliography with at least 12 references. References are to be cited properly. Papers are to be no less than ten pages (10-12 pages are acceptable).

Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disability Statement:**

TRCC welcomes students with disabilities and strives to make their college experience a successful learning experience. Students with disabilities are guaranteed reasonable accommodation under the provisions of the American with Disability Act of 1992. Disclosure is voluntary. Discuss directly with Instructor. For more information, contact the Student Development Center.

**Attendance Statement:**

Every student is expected to maintain regular attendance. Any student who is absent more than three (3) classes (without just cause) may be in jeopardy of failing the course.

**Policy Statement on Cellular Phones:**

Students are notified that cellular phones and beepers are allowed in class or in the Learning Resource Center only if they are turned off or turned to a silent mode. Under no circumstances are phones to be answered in class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require that a student be available by phone or beeper, the student should speak to the Instructor prior to class, so that together they can arrive at an agreement.

