

Three Rivers Community College

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HSE K241

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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 at its major objective, the practice, 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 science 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 (Rivera), 3rd Edition, 1998

Learning Objectives:

- . To help students have a better understanding of the historical, social, economic and political context of community organization as a method of social work practice;
- . To help to acquaint students to the various practice settings for community organization;
- . To help students understand the various roles in direct social work practice;
- . To provide learning opportunities for students to make practical applications of community organizing skills.

Social Issue: Community Health

Assignments:

- . Mid-term examination
- . Written paper (4-6 pages on social issue)
- . An analysis of a community and a social problem (10-12 page paper)
- . Public forum assignment (group activity)

All written assignments are assumed to be the result of independent work of the student. Attendance is critical for all students, as the class will be developing and planning a public event in May at the College. Poor attendance and/or participation will be reflected in final grade.