

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SUMMER SESSION, 2007-2008**

**M.S.W. PROGRAM**

**SWINT 2004 - Death and Dying**

**3 cr.**

Methods of intervention with the suicidal and terminally ill patient and his family, covering ethical problems related to right to life and right to death issues, explication of Kubler-Ross' five stages of dying, religious orientations to death and dying, and pathological and normal grief reactions.

**SWINT 2011 - Social Work Practice with Families**

**3 cr.**

This course explores various basic models used by social workers for examining, understanding, and intervening in family processes. Video, role play, and case material are used in developing skills for advanced practice in working with families.

**SWRES 2023 - Directed Study in Research**

**3 cr.**

A supervised experience in designing, implementing, and reporting an individually defined empirical research project. This option is offered for more advanced students who wish in-depth experience in independent research as an alternative to research courses specified as fulfilling the second core research requirement. Research Coordinator's approval and at least an "A-" grade in SWRES 2021 - Foundations of Social Work Research. Not to be elected in student's term of graduation.

**SWRES 2033 - Evaluative Research in the Social Services**

**3 cr.**

Students must be in field placement during the term in which they are registered for this course. This course provides content on research methods that can be used to evaluate social work programs. The course emphasizes the importance on identifying the causal links between practice and outcomes and describing/measuring program outputs, quality and outcomes. Several different forms of evaluation are discussed as they relate to program planning, program monitoring and program outcomes.

**SWGEM 2034 - Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations**

**3 cr.**

This foundation practice course focuses on issues of diversity and oppression by utilizing empowerment as an over-arching framework for social work practice. Students will be prepared to respond to the needs of diverse populations including racial and ethnic groups as well as responding to issues regarding gender, disability, and sexual orientation.

**SWCOSA 2038 - Supervision and Personnel Management in Social Work**

**3 cr.**

This course focuses upon the techniques, processes, methods and resources employed by supervisors, managers and other administrators to assure the highest quality social services are delivered in the most effective manner. Historical roots and trends; organizational and administrative theories; and research findings and conclusions provide the foundation for examining current supervisory and personnel management practices. Practical applications are included. Direct practice students are welcome.

**SWCOSA 2040 - Grant Proposal Writing**

**3 cr.**

The objectives of this course are to acquaint students having limited or no experience in proposal writing and budgeting with some insight into the operation of several of the primary sources of funds for social welfare programs, some technical skills in approaching potential sources of funds and some experience in preparing and presenting a proposal of their own. No accounting background is necessary. In addition to proposal writing, other forms of fund raising are also covered.

**SWINT 2042 - Social Work in Drug and Alcohol Abuse**

**3 cr.**

This course will provide a basic orientation to alcohol and drug abuse as problems requiring social work interventions. Emphasis will be placed on examining a variety of treatment approaches in providing services to alcoholics, drug abusers, and their families. Special efforts will be made to focus the content on the needs of working populations experiencing problems with alcohol and drugs, as well as their families.

**SWINT 2050 - Couples Therapy - Theory and Techniques**

**3 cr.**

This course covers three main theoretical approaches (e.g. systems, behavioral, and cognitive-behavioral) to understanding the dynamics of the couple relationship and to facilitating growth and constructive interactions within that relationship. Evidenced-based methods of assessment and treatment of couple problems is emphasized. The focus is on couples with conflicting needs and expectations and ineffective or dysfunctional communication and conflict-negotiation skills. Special clinical issues in couples therapy such as same-sex couples, gender and cultural factors, and partner abuse are also presented.

**SWINT 2076 – Human Sexuality**

**3 cr.**

This course presents current research about human sexuality, discusses the range of sexual life-styles, and develops a treatment typology for therapists working with couples and individuals with sexual dysfunctions.

**SWGEM 2080 – Race & Social Problems**

**3 cr.**

Students will learn about race-related social problems, explanations for the problems, and possible solutions. Readings and class discussions will cover race as an issue in relation to economic and education disparities, intergroup relations, mental health, families, and criminal justice.

**SWGEM 2098 - Generalist Foundations of Social Work Practice**

**3 cr.**

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge, values, and skills needed to engage in the generalist practice of social work. There is a common base to all social work practice and specializations. Thus, this course will emphasize professional activity related to various social problems (poverty, racism, and sexism among others), system size (individual, family, group, organization, community, society), and locations of practice (host setting, the urban environment, for example). Students will be introduced to an eclectic base of knowledge, to the mastery of processes of change, and will be encouraged to develop and enhance a set of essential helping skills.