Social Work Practice in Health Care
Social Work 699 – 002
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Mondays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. B684 SSWB

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COURSE TITLE: Social Work Practice in Health Care
DIVISON: HLTH
COURSE NUMBER: 699
CREDIT HOURS: 3
PREREQUISITES: SW521 and SW560 or permission from instructor

1. Course Description:

This course teaches practice models and multi-level methods of intervention for effective social work practice in health care, including health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, continuing care, and discharge planning. Examples of topics covered include the use of the current ICD system in assessment, screening and early intervention, workplace health promotion, crisis intervention, intervention in major catastrophic or chronic diseases such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, and depression; promotion of optimal adaptation to chronic illness through interpersonal, organizational, and environmental interventions; self-help and mutual aid, rehabilitation and continuing care, supporting caregivers and integrative and complementary interventions. Selected issues and methods in supervision and management are addressed, such as individual, peer and workgroup models on practice. The impact of differences in ability, age, class, color, culture, ethnicity, family structure, gender (including gender identity and gender expression) marital status, national origin, race, religion or spirituality, sex, and sexual orientation will be examined, as these relate to various health practices, policies and services.
2. Course Content:

This course will provide students with models and methods for positive health promotion, prevention of disease, the provision of comprehensive and effective treatment when illness occurs, and for promotion of rehabilitation and optimal adaptation to chronic illness. Assessment, prevention and intervention strategies for use in health care social work practice at the individual, family, group, community and organizational levels will be addressed. Students will learn how to assess, plan, develop, and evaluate appropriate evidence-based interventions and how to use selected supervisory and managerial strategies to enhance positive outcomes for consumers. A major focus of this course will examining the various diversity dimensions (ability, age, class, color, culture, ethnicity, family structure, gender (including gender identity and gender expression) marital status, national origin, race, religion or spirituality, sex, and sexual orientation) as it relates to access to care, appropriateness of services and emerging prevention, intervention and rehabilitation interventions.

3. Course Objectives:

Students who complete this course will be able to:

1. Engage in evidence-based practice as a professional social worker in health organizations and programs.
2. Participate as an interdisciplinary team member; engage in case advocacy and coordination and in case conferencing and collaboration.
3. Assess and conduct psychosocial health risk/strengths assessments of individuals, families, groups or communities along a continuum of care.
4. Demonstrate understanding of the current ICD system assessment process.
5. Plan, implement and evaluate culturally and gender sensitive individual, family, group, community and organizational interventions focused on prevention, treatment and/or rehabilitation.
6. Apply knowledge of selected managerial practices to issues of supervision, staff development, and administration in health care social work practice.
7. Build partnerships with key health constituencies for the purposes of health promotion, disease prevention and elimination of health disparities.
8. Examine the impact of differences in ability, age, class, color, culture, ethnicity, family structure, gender (including gender identity and gender expression) marital status, national origin, race, religion or spirituality, sex, and sexual orientation as these relate to various health practices, policies and services.
9. Incorporate social work values and ethical principles in planning, developing and implementing health care social work interventions.

4. Course Design:

The course will include lectures, discussion, small group exercises, individual and group projects, written assignments and guest speakers. This class is designed to be highly interactive.
5. Relationship of the Course to Four Curricular Themes:

*Multiculturalism and Social Diversity* is addressed throughout the course and is highlighted in content and discussions of various health practices, policies and services related to the key diversity dimensions noted in Objective 8.

*Social Justice and Social Change* is a central theme in the course, especially in discussions of health disparities and access to care issues that are discussed across the continuum of health care services from promotion/prevention to rehabilitation/continuing care.

*Behavioral and Social Science Research* is presented throughout the course and includes findings from evaluation, prevention and intervention research in social work, medicine, nursing, public health, and health services research as well as health psychology, medical sociology, medical anthropology, health economics, and political science.

*Promotion, Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation* is examined through content and exercises that focus on the methods and models of intervention for health promotion, disease prevention, treatment and rehabilitation in major catastrophic or chronic diseases and promotion of optimal adaptation to chronic illness.

6. Relationship to Social Work Ethics and Values:

This course will emphasize working on behalf of the most disadvantaged persons and groups at greatest risk of various negative health outcomes. Special emphasis will be placed on advocacy and environmental modifications. Issues related to specific health practices, managed care, client self-determination, confidentiality, dignity, HIPPA, and associated legal, ethical, and value concerns will also be addressed.

7. Intensive Focus on Privilege, Oppression, Diversity, and Social Justice (PODS):

This course integrates PODS content and skills with a special emphasis on the identification of theories, practice, and/or policies that promote social justice, illuminate social injustices and are consistent with scientific and professional knowledge. Through the use of a variety of instructional methods, this course will support students developing a vision of social justice, learn to recognize and reduce mechanisms that support oppression and injustice, work toward social justice processes, apply intersectionality and intercultural frameworks and strengthen critical consciousness, self knowledge and self awareness to facilitate PODS learning.

1. **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Participation & Attendance**

Classroom participation is a significant part of the learning experience. All students are expected to participate in classroom activities and discussions. Classroom participation will be
incorporated into the grading system (see below for details). Regular attendance and active participation in small group exercises and discussions is encouraged and expected. If you are unable to make a class please notify me by email prior to the class. Missing more than two classes, with out extenuating circumstances, will result in your grade being lowered by one half grade (A to A-).

**Assignments**

**Group Project**

There will be a small group power point presentation on a media health campaign example of your preference. Identify (or create) a media health campaign targeting a specific population and explain how or why you believe this campaign could be effective in either disease prevention or health promotion. Incorporate the concepts from the required readings.

**Format of Papers & Essay Responses**

Use APA style guide for papers. All papers should be doubled spaced, with a 12-point font and 1 inch margins. Please be certain to document all the sources that you utilize. Presenting the words or ideas of others without referencing them is Plagiarism. Plagiarism will result in failing the assignment.

All assignments are expected to be turned in on time and posted on the CT tools site. Handing in an assignment late will result in one half-grade drop for each day, unless special arrangements have been made prior to the date the assignment is due.

Semester grade will be based on the average of all numerical grades, based on the following weighting:

- **Quiz: Screening and Interventions for domestic violence** 10 points
- **Quiz: Screening and Interventions for child abuse** 10 points
- **Assignment 1: Health behavior change** 5 points
- **Assignment 2: Chronic illness self care exercise** 15 points
- **Assignment 3: Essay response on Needles** 10 points
- **Assignment 4: Completion of “Five Wishes” or “Power of Attorney/ Living Will” exercise** 10 points
- **Assignment 5: Pediatric autonomy and ethics** 5 points
- **Assignment 6: Essay response on Randy Pausch’s last lecture** 5 points
- **Small group media health presentation and paper** 20 points
- **Class Participation: role plays** 10 points
2. **COURSE MATERIALS**

**TEXT**

Available at Ulrich’s after 5/17


Needles (1998) Dominick, A. New York: Scribner (order online/used for as little as $10)

A CTools site has been established and additional materials and readings are posted for each lecture. The site will open on the first day of class. Please see CTools site weekly.

**ARTICLES**  Available on the CTools site


23. NASW Code of Ethics.
3. **COURSE SCHEDULE** Please note: there will not be class on May 24th or May 31st however there will be an optional webinar on June 2nd at noon for a review of the materials for quiz #2 on child abuse assessment and interventions scheduled for June 7. There will not be class on July 5th. Due to the holidays our last class is Aug 2nd.

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<td>May 10</td>
<td>Introductions&lt;br&gt;Review Syllabus/Assignments&lt;br&gt;Lecture: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care in the US; Developing cultural competence in primary care services for women&lt;br&gt;Screening and interventions for domestic violence and depression.</td>
<td>Article #1, #2, #3 and #4</td>
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<td>May 17</td>
<td>AIDS: Guest Speaker invited from Aids Partnership Michigan&lt;br&gt;<strong>QUIZ based on readings: Screening for domestic violence, what to look for, what to ask and screening for lethality</strong></td>
<td>Article #5 plus resources posted on C Tools site under “Resource tab” in the Domestic Violence folder.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Be prepared to participate in role plays of screening and assessment scenarios related to domestic violence. Participation grade noted.</strong></td>
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<td>June 7</td>
<td>Screening and interventions for child abuse. &lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;You will receive a webinar invite for a quiz prep conversation scheduled for June 2 at noon.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>QUIZ based on readings: Screening for child abuse, what to look for and red flags associated with injuries that warrant additional screening for child abuse.</strong></td>
<td>Article #6 plus readings posted on CTools site under “Resource tab” in the Child Abuse folder.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Be prepared to participate in small group case studies on child abuse screening and reporting. Participation grade noted.</strong></td>
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<td>Assignment 1 “Health behavior change” due</td>
<td>Chapters 5 and 6 in text. Article #10</td>
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<td>Needles: chapters 3-7</td>
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<td>Be prepared to role play motivational interviewing techniques discussed in chapter 5. Participation grade noted.</td>
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<td>Assignment 2: Chronic Illness Self Care will be distributed and explained</td>
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<td>June 28</td>
<td>Chronic pain and illness: Promoting adaption through interpersonal, organizational and environmental interventions.</td>
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<td>Assignment 2 and 3 due “Chronic illness self care” as well as Essay response to Needles</td>
<td>Needles: complete the book and be prepared to discuss.</td>
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<td>July 12</td>
<td>The use of mass media in health promotion and preventative efforts.</td>
<td>Articles #16, #17, #18 and #19 and CTools readings posted</td>
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<td>July 19</td>
<td>Community resources for clients with disabilities</td>
<td>Be prepared to identify and discuss the key dimensions of a community necessary for sustaining health promotion Participation grade, attendance will be taken</td>
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<td>Community site visit: Center for Independent Living Meet at CIL in Ann Arbor 8:30</td>
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<td>July 26</td>
<td>Ethical dilemmas in health care; a patient’s right to consent, assent and dissent. A look at pediatric and adult patient rights.</td>
<td>Article #14 and CTools readings posted under “Resource tab” for Ethical Dilemmas.</td>
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