

COURSE OUTLINE

HUMS-250 Community Services Practicum 3 Credit Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Students work in the community in coordination with a faculty member. In addition to meeting core learning outcomes, jointly developed learning outcomes are identified with the faculty member, agency supervisor, and the student. The purpose of the practicum is to enhance the well-being of a targeted population. Students participate in a seminar session to engage in reflective discussion 2 hours every other week focused on experiences and the application of theory. (9 hours lab) Prerequisite: HUMS-110

Overall Objectives

1. Identify student responsibilities associated with the community practicum.
2. Identify student learning needs, agency service needs and the product to be offered to the agency.
3. Describe the demographics of the population serviced by community agencies.
4. Analyze the effect of demographics on social policy and the development and delivery of social services.
5. Engage in reflective strategies to raise questions and to identify tensions associated with the practicum experience.
6. Identify legal, ethical, social and diversity issues.
7. Cite examples of collaborative care and variables that influence adaptation.
8. Evaluate use of therapeutic approaches.
9. Examine the impact of the community practicum on students and community partners.
10. Evaluate the actual outcomes in comparison with the desired outcomes of the experience.

Major Topics

1. Role and Responsibilities of the Student, Preceptor and Faculty
2. Assessment Strategies
3. Reflection for Critical Thinking
4. Legal, Ethical, and Social Issues
5. Variables that Influence Adaptation
6. Evaluation Process

Course Requirements

Attendance and professional behaviors in the community setting

Weekly reports/journal

Seminar participation

Graded paper or oral presentation

Other Course Information

Each student is assigned to a human service agency for eight hours weekly. A two-hour on-campus seminar is scheduled every other week.