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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Community Practice II
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PROGRAM: Child and Youth Worker
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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is the second level of field placement in the Child and Youth Worker Program. Competencies comply with CYW standards and guidelines as established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and by the CYW professional community. Emphasis is on the integration of theory and practical experience and the development of the student as a professional Child and Youth Worker.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Interact with colleagues and supervisors in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals within the placement setting.***Elements of Performance:***

- work collaboratively and cooperatively with supervisors and the staff team to identify the roles and responsibilities of the student on placement.
- establish and implement strategies to accomplish learning tasks and student's individual learning objectives.
- utilize theory as it applies to the placement in order to develop professional working relationships.

2. Interact with recipients of services (clients, students, etc.) in ways that promote growth and development.***Elements of Performance:***

- model attitudes and behaviour consistent with and supportive of the setting.
- demonstrate warmth and genuineness in responding to the unique needs of each client.
- plan, implement, and evaluate activities as a tool to build relationship.
- demonstrate an ability to work with the client consistent with client developmental levels to promote client growth.
- demonstrate an ability to work with the client group in order to promote growth

3. Communicate effectively in verbal, non-verbal and written forms which enhance the quality of service.

Elements of Performance:

- utilize professional language in reports and in communication with agency staff.
- demonstrate an ability to communicate with clients in a professional manner that is suitable to the clients' developmental needs and agency mandate.
- evaluate communications and adjust for any errors in content, structure, style and mechanics.
- Use various modes of communication (verbal, written, electronic, or assisted, according to the needs of the population and the circumstances)

4. Engage in ongoing self-assessment for the purpose of enhancing professional performance.

Elements of Performance:

- evaluate one's own thinking, problem-solving, and value system in conjunction with accepting responsibility for one's own behaviour.
- evaluate one's own decisions and practices in the setting as part of self-assessment.
- review one's wellness plan as a strategy for one's overall success and self-care.
- evaluate and act upon constructive feedback.

III. TOPICS:

1. Professional Obligations (attached)
2. Developmental needs of at-risk youth or other client populations
3. Processes and practices of Child and Youth Work

Field Work II is conducted in an individualized learning mode as a way to assist students to meet their learning objectives and to fulfill the necessary course requirements.

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS

Placement Package (provided by the College.) and Daily Calendar/Agenda (provided by the Student and *required at all times on placement*).

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Students will be evaluated on an ongoing basis with formal reports issued both at mid-term and at the end of placement. Each student will have input into the evaluation process and an opportunity to respond accordingly. The agency supervisor(s) with assistance from the course professor will complete the evaluation form and the course professor will decide the final grade.

1. Personal and performance objectives will be established with the course professor. The agency supervisor will be aware of the expectations and will have considerable input in the implementation of these expectations.
2. Students will be required to maintain monthly College Placement time sheets to be handed in to the Seminar II professor at the end of each month. If students are unable to produce time sheets within a week of month's end, placement may be suspended until time sheet is submitted. Placement hours would then be required to be completed at a later date but such a delay could put the entire placement in jeopardy.
3. Students are expected to work with agency supervisor and staff to prepare a working schedule that can facilitate their learning objectives. Students will be expected to adhere to their placement schedule. Concerns should be discussed with the course professor immediately.
4. Regular supervision meetings with the student, agency supervisor, and college fieldwork supervisor will afford the opportunity to monitor the individual student's progress. The course professor will also be prepared to use this opportunity to discuss such matters as treatment methodologies, methods of professional conduct, or treatment theories as applicable to the situation, among other topics.
5. Students are expected to comply with the CYW Code of Ethics and the Sault College Code of Conduct.
6. Students are expected to observe the CYW Placement Policies. Each student will receive a copy of these at the start of placement. Any breach of these policies, including items relating to attendance, punctuality, attitude, confidentiality, etc. could result in disciplinary action, suspension, or termination of the placement.
7. Community Practice 2 and Integrated Seminar 2 are co-requisite courses.

Each student has no more than two opportunities to be successful in any of the Fieldwork courses.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course (see <i>Policies & Procedures Manual - Deferred Grades and Make-up</i>).	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

Note: For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Prior Learning Assessment:

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the program coordinator (or the course coordinator regarding a general education transfer request) or academic assistant. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question. Please refer to the Student Academic Calendar of Events for the deadline date by which application must be made for advance standing.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

Disability Services:

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. A professor/instructor may assign a sanction as defined below, or make recommendations to the Academic Chair for disposition of the matter. The professor/instructor may:

- (i) issue a verbal reprimand,
- (ii) make an assignment of a lower grade with explanation,
- (iii) require additional academic assignments and issue a lower grade upon completion to the maximum grade “C”,
- (iv) make an automatic assignment of a failing grade,
- (v) recommend to the Chair dismissal from the course with the assignment of a failing grade.

In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Student Portal:

The Sault College portal allows you to view all your student information in one place. **mysaultcollege** gives you personalized access to online resources seven days a week from your home or school computer. Single log-in access allows you to see your personal and financial information, timetable, grades, records of achievement, unofficial transcript, and outstanding obligations. Announcements, news, the academic calendar of events, class cancellations, your learning management system (LMS), and much more are also accessible through the student portal. Go to <https://my.saultcollege.ca>.

Communication:

The College considers *WebCT/LMS* as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the *Learning Management System* communication tool.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom:

Students who wish to use electronic devices in the classroom will seek permission of the faculty member before proceeding to record instruction. With the exception of issues related to accommodations of disability, the decision to approve or refuse the request is the responsibility of the faculty member. Recorded classroom instruction will be used only for personal use and will not be used for any other purpose. Recorded classroom instruction will be destroyed at the end of the course. To ensure this, the student is required to return all copies of recorded material to the faculty member by the last day of class in the semester. Where the use of an electronic device has been approved, the student agrees that materials recorded are for his/her use only, are not for distribution, and are the sole property of the College.

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

It is the departmental policy that once the classroom door has been closed, the learning process has begun. Late arrivers will not be granted admission to the room.

TUITION DEFAULT Fall Semester

Students who have defaulted on the payment of tuition (tuition has not been paid in full, payments were not deferred or payment plan not honoured) as of the first week of November will be removed from placement and clinical activities. This may result in loss of mandatory hours or incomplete course work. Sault College will not be responsible for incomplete hours or outcomes that are not achieved or any other academic requirement not met as a result of tuition default. Students are encouraged to communicate with Financial Services with regard to the status of their tuition prior to this deadline to ensure that their financial status does not interfere with academic progress.

TUITION DEFAULT Winter Semester

Students who have defaulted on the payment of tuition (tuition has not been paid in full, payments were not deferred or payment plan not honoured) as of the first week of March will be removed from placement and clinical activities. This may result in loss of mandatory hours or incomplete course work. Sault College will not be responsible for incomplete hours or outcomes that are not achieved or any other academic requirement not met as a result of tuition default. Students are encouraged to communicate with Financial Services with regard to the status of their tuition prior to this deadline to ensure that their financial status does not interfere with academic progress.

VII. PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS:

1. To regard the welfare of the individuals, the group, and the community you serve as your primary professional duty.
2. To hold yourself personally responsible for your professional conduct.
3. To be willing always to increase your professional competence and to willingly share your knowledge with others in your profession.
4. To strive to support the further development of your profession by participating to the best of your ability in related professional associations and activities.
5. To work cooperatively with other persons having regard for their areas of competence.
6. To use care in expressing your views on the findings, opinions, and professional conduct of colleagues, confining such comments to matters of fact and matters of one's own knowledge.
7. To respect the privacy, dignity, and other rights of clients, colleagues, and agencies.
8. To use information received in the course of professional relationships in a responsible manner.

Following are a number of guidelines pertaining to the student's relationship to the field placement agency. It is imperative that each student comprehend fully and follow closely these guidelines in order to get the maximum educational value from the field placement experience.

1. Find out all you can about your field placement setting; its policies, functions and its general philosophy, taking care to ask pertinent questions.
2. Find out your designated role at your field placement location and follow it well. Remember, you are a professional in training, and are expected to follow through on the instruction of the field contact personnel. New approaches to your assignments must first be approved by the field supervisor.
3. Do not be afraid to ask the staff for guidance. Do not plunge into something you know nothing about.

VII. PROFESSIONAL OBLIGATIONS:

4. Be polite, courteous, and attentive. Remember, you are there to learn, observe, and contribute.
5. Try to avoid judgment on the program carried out by a specific field placement setting. Remember you are a student learning and not someone there to assess the relative merits of the program. Be careful about being openly critical. Concerns of the service delivery can be discussed in the confidence of the supervision meeting, or with the course professor.
6. Dress and personal deportment are according to acceptable norms of the placement setting.
7. Be willing to share any pertinent information you have learned in the setting with the staff who work there.
8. Any problems encountered in your field placement should be taken to your fieldwork supervisor. Never confront the staff with the problem in front of clients - wait for a private, appropriate time. Be diplomatic. * Report all incidents to the College fieldwork professor immediately.
9. Attendance and punctuality are of great importance. The placement depends on you. Lack of attendance or punctuality could rapidly put your placement in jeopardy. Make sure you are always on time for your placement. Contact the course professor *and* the field placement well in advance if it is necessary for you to be absent.
10. Remember that the experiences you have in your field placement are part of a learning experience and are to be held in the strictest confidence. The students will not discuss cases with others who have no direct relationships to the client. At the field placement, keep your records as well as correspondence in a confidential manner.

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CHILD & YOUTH WORKER PROGRAM

**ADDITION TO C.Y.W. PROGRAM POLICIES
NOTICE OF AGREEMENT**

Student Agreement Form

Regarding the Child and Youth Worker Course Outline:

I, _____, have read the C.Y.W. Course Outline for the
Course _____.

I understand its contents and agree to adhere to them.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____