

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Young Offenders

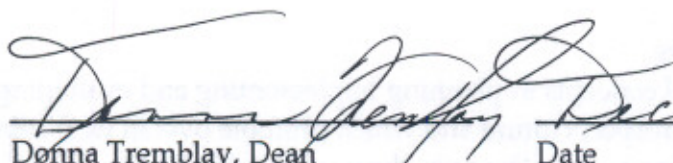
CODE NO: CCW 233 SEMESTER: Four

PROGRAM: Child and Youth Worker

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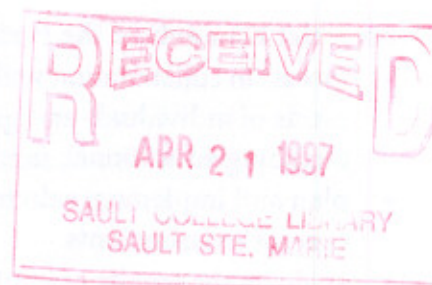

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Total Credits: 3

Prerequisites: None

Length of Course: 3 hrs/week for 15 weeks Total Credit Hours: 45



I. Course Description:

This course will provide students with a practical orientation to the Young Offenders Act. This will include a review of the origins and philosophical principles of the YOA, and how the legislation is operationalized, with an emphasis on the local Young Offender service delivery system. It will also examine primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of treatment of the young offender, including both general and specific programming techniques. The course can be viewed as a consolidation of related course content leading to refinement of skills useful in working with Young Offenders. The format will include a combination of lectures, guest speakers, audiovisual presentations and class discussion.

II. Learning Outcomes and Elements of Performance

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

1) Information Accessing

Collect, analyze and organize relevant and necessary information from a variety of sources pertaining to Young Offenders in Canada.

Potential Elements of Performance

- Identify the nature of the information required
- investigate sources of information (including legislative documents, journals, tests and Internet)
- gather information from the most appropriate sources
- examine the information and select what is most relevant, important and useful to you as a CYW working with young offenders, those at risk of offending and/or their families.
- Interact with others in groups or multi-disciplinary teams in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and meet the needs of clients within the context of their current environments, including educational, familial, community and/or custodial settings.

2) Program Planning

Utilize theoretical concepts in planning implementing and evaluating activities and programs which respect culture and which promote overall well-being and facilitate positive change for young offenders, those at risk of offending and/or their families.

Potential Elements of the Performance

- assess, in collaboration with relevant others, the cultural, developmental and social needs of individuals and groups in the context of their current environments, including educational, familial community and/or custodial settings
- plan and implement selected strategies to meet client needs within the context of their current environments.
- evaluate the results of implemented strategies and make necessary adaptations which facilitate positive change.
- utilize therapeutic activities to maximize learning and growth for young offenders, those at risk of offending and/or their families.

II. Learning Outcomes and Elements of Performance (cont.)

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

3) *Working Teams*

Interact with groups or multi-disciplinary teams in ways that contribute to effective working relationships and meet the needs of clients within the context of their current environments, including educational, familial, community and/or custodial settings.

Potential Elements of the Performance

- identify the tasks to be completed
- establish strategies to accomplish the tasks
- identify roles for members of the team/group
- clarify one's own roles and fulfill them in a timely fashion
- treat other members of the group equitably and fairly
- contribute one's ideas, opinions and information while demonstrating respect for the contributions of others
- employ techniques intended to bring about the resolution of any conflicts
- regularly assess the group's progress and interactions and make adjustments when necessary.

4) *Communication Skills*

communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, verbal and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.

Potential Elements of the Performance

- plan and organize communications according to the purpose and audiences
- choose the format appropriate to the purpose (logs, memos, reports, face-to-face meetings, etc.)
- incorporate the content that is meaningful and necessary
- produce material that conforms to the conventions of the chosen format
- use language and style suited to the audience and purpose
- ensure that the materials are free from mechanical errors

III. Topics

- 1) Review of legislation (YOA, CFSA)
- 2) Review of local Young Offenders Services System
- 3) Profiling the Young Offender: Myths and Facts
- 4) Teaching Prosocial Competencies (interpersonal skills, anger management, moral reasoning training, empathy training, etc.)
- 5) Practical Application of Case Management Techniques
- 6) Social Issues which impact directly on the Young Offender Services System
- 7) Confrontation skills
- 8) The Role of the CYW in correctional settings

IV. Required Resources/Texts/Materials

- 1) When Kids Get Into Trouble With the Law and What to do About It. Pricilla Platt. Stoddart Publishing.

V. Course Requirements

- 1) In groups of 2 or 3, students will lead a 50-minute "first" session on one of the following topics: anger management, stress management, problem-solving skills, interpersonal skills training or a special topic to be cleared with the instructor beforehand, i.e. parenting skills for teenage fathers). Each session will be conducted with 10 "clients" drawn from the classroom and will be evaluated by the instructor and the remainder of the class in accordance with an evaluation sheet to be provided.

Sessions must be written up including the following: clear objectives, an agenda and a full description of the various activities/exercises to be included (one write-up per group). Each session must include instructions, warm-ups, information sharing (theory), experiential learning activities and a conclusion. The expectation is that all members of the group will participate.

Dates will be assigned in class.

- 2) Each student will submit a paper on the following topic: "The role of the child and youth workers in the care and treatment of young offenders." The paper should be approximately 6 pages in length (typed, double-spaced) and should include both personal opinion and information from external sources. Issues to consider include the unique skills and knowledge CYWs bring to correctional settings, working as part of a multi-disciplinary team, your own philosophy of treatment and the special challenges involved in dealing with resistant clients in institutional settings.

Due: _____

- 3) Each student will complete a case study. Details will be provided in class.

Due: _____

- 4) *Final Exam Due:* _____

- 5) Active participation and regular attendance.

VI. Evaluation Process/Grading System

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| 1) Attendance and Participation | 20% |
| 2) In-class Session | 20% |
| 3) Individual Paper | 20% |
| 4) Case Study | 20% |
| 5) Final Exam | 20% |

College Grading Policy

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| 90 - 100% | = | A+ |
| 80 - 89% | = | A |
| 70 - 79% | = | B |
| 60 - 69% | = | C |
| Below 60% | = | R |

VII. Special Notes

Students with special needs (e.g., physical limitations, visual impairments, learning disabilities) are encouraged to discuss required accommodations confidentially with the instructor.

Your instructor reserves the right to modify the course as he/she deems necessary to meet the needs of students.

Please do not discard this outline. It will be required by other educational institutions if you are attempting to obtain credit for this course.

VIII. Prior Learning Assessment

Not available for this course as yet.

