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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Young Offenders

CODE NO. : CCW2330

SEMESTER: 4

PROGRAM: Child and Youth Worker

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HOURS/WEEK: 3

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will provide students with a practical orientation to the in-coming Youth Criminal Justice Act, and the out-going Young Offenders Act. This will include a review of origins and philosophical principles, and how 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. 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, texts and Internet)
 - gather information from the most appropriate sources
 - examine the information and select what is most relevant, important and useful to 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. 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'D)

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

3. 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. 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 (YCJA, 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) Issues and Perspectives on Young Offenders in Canada. John A. Winterdyk. Harcourt Brace Canada.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) In groups of 2 or 3, students will lead a 50-minute 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 8 to 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) *Mid Term Test Date:* _____

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

Due: _____

- 4) *Final Exam Date:* _____

- 5) Active participation and regular attendance.

VI. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

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| 1) Attendance and Participation | 20% |
| 2) In-class Session and write-up (10x2) | 20% |
| 3) Mid term Test | 20% |
| 4) Case Study | 20% |
| 5) Final Exam | 20% |

VI. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in postsecondary courses:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
A	80 - 89%	3.75
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
R (Repeat)	59% or below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
X	A temporary grade. This is used in limited 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. This is used to facilitate transcript preparation when, for extenuating circumstances, it has not been possible for the faculty member to report grades.	

VII. SPECIAL NOTES:

Special Needs:

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your instructor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1204 or call Extension 493, 717, or 491 so that support services can be arranged for you.

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.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Rights and Responsibilities*. Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. 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.

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.

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

VIII PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the professor. Credit for prior learning will be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

IX. DIRECT CREDIT TRANSFERS:

Students who wish to apply for direct credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain a direct credit transfer form from the Dean's secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.