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SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Group Dynamics and Practicum I

COURSE CODE: NSA103-4

PROGRAM: Native Community Worker Program

SEMESTER: Three

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**PHILOSOPHY/GOALS:**

This course is an introduction to group process and dynamics. The focus is primarily experiential. Assigned textbook readings will increase your awareness of the importance of communication in group dynamics as well as in our everyday lives. Preparation for your practicum in Group Dynamics and Practicum 11 is an important aspect of our work together this semester.

**METHOD OF ASSESSMENT:**

Attendance and Participation	30%
Chapter Quizzes 10%	
Response Papers (in class]	20%
Journal of assigned lab exercises	20%
Final	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Because your presence is vital to group process you must maintain a 90% attendance record in order to be successful in this class, (i.e. attendance 90% = 13 of 15 classes)

**TEXTBOOKS & SUPPLIES:**

The Dynamics of Human Communication  
Webster's New World Dictionary Third College Edition Indexed

**INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:**

A variety of instructional methods featuring group activities and discussion, role play and values clarification will be employed. Micro lectures and guest group leaders will also be incorporated into course delivery.

**NATURE OF COURSE:**

This course offers you an opportunity to interact and process group activities. Emphasis is placed on the experience. Your cooperation and Input are essential. Participation in role playing, values clarification, team building exercises, group discussions, case study analyses and feedback exercises will enable you to develop skills necessary for the completion of your practicum in Group Dynamics and Practicum tl.

These skills will prove most valuable as resources in your careers as Native Community Workers.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Increasing your awareness and understanding of group interaction.
2. Experiencing group process.
3. Defining helpful and harmful group behaviours.
4. Investigating, through journal writing, personal feelings related to group experiences.
5. Beginning your practice of group leadership styles.
6. Enhancing your listening, questioning and problem solving skills through group participation.
7. Enhancing your understanding of the dynamics of human communication.

**COLLEGE EVALUATION SYSTEM:**

Letter grades, for transcript purposes, will be calculated as follows:

90 - 100 %	:r;	A-f-
80 - 89 %	zz	A
70 - 79 %	=	B
60 - 69 %	=	C
Less than 60%	—	R (Repeat of the course)

