

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

There is an undeniable link between healthy family structure and a healthy community life. To work effectively in the community, we must be aware of both healthy and unhealthy family dynamics and situations. This course will explore changes in the Native family structure and issues challenging all families, including family violence.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

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

1. Identify challenges that Native families experience when attempting to adapt “pre-contact” child-rearing techniques in today’s society.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Understand common “pre-contact” family and community roles and lifestyles
- Differentiate between individual First Nation peoples (i.e. Ojibwe, Iroquois, Cree)
- Connect concept of community as caretaker to idea of family

2. Uncover the roots of current Native family issues in the North American Native experience

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify various catalysts which changed First Nations family structures and community
- Begin to comprehend the role of Residential Schools in the breakdown of First Nations family structure
- Connect First Nations historical experience with “contact” to current First Nations issues related to family and community

3. Anticipate the needs of individuals/families who exhibit characteristics/situational clues of the dynamics of family violence.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Understand concepts of Family of Origin, dealing with change and role of family
- Construct a personal and professional understanding of the dynamics of spousal violence, child abuse and elder abuse
- Integrate knowledge of all types of family violence with Canadian First Nations experience

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4. Chart a genogram which includes complete family information available.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Gain knowledge of concept of genogram and its uses in the social services field
- Apply concepts of genogram to a variety of family types and circumstances

III. TOPICS:

Due to overlap in subject areas, these topics will not always be dealt with in isolated learning units.

1. Native Family Link to Community
 - 1.1 Pre-contact Family Structure
 - 1.2 Community as Care-Taker
2. Effects on Native Family Structure of "Contact"
 - 2.1 Influence on Language, Spirituality, and Family Roles
 - 2.2 Influence of Residential Schools
 - 2.3 Influence of the "Welfare" system on Northern Ojibwe
3. Current Issues Challenging Native Families
4. Family Violence
 - 4.1 Main Issues
 - 4.2 Spousal Violence
 - 4.3 Child Sexual Abuse
 - 4.4 Child Physical Abuse
 - 4.5 Child Neglect
 - 4.6 Elder Abuse (if time allows)
5. Genogram

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

None

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V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

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

		Target Dates Week of...
Two Case Studies (2 x 15% each)	30%	Oct.20 and Nov. 24
Genogram Assignment	5%	Oct. 6
Test #1	20%	Oct. 13
Cycle of Abuse & Recovery Project	5%	Nov. 17
Report on Elder Abuse	20%	Dec. 8
Test #2	20%	Dec. 15

Total 100 %

1. There are two (2) case studies completed for this course. Each case study will be provided during class time to enable “case conferencing” with small groups. The completed papers will be worked on individually and handed in. Specifics on process and format will be provided in class.
2. Two (2) tests will be given in this course. The first will cover information up to the date of the test. The second test will cover information taken in the second half of the course; it will **NOT** cover information from the beginning of the course. Tests **CANNOT** be rewritten in order to obtain a higher grade. Tests may be rescheduled, at the discretion of the instructor, for substantiated reasons for absence on test day. Students who miss a test **MUST** make rescheduling arrangements direct and **IMMEDIATELY** with the instructor.
3. The Genogram Assignment is an independent project which will be completed under the supervision of the instructor during scheduled class times. Genograms are used in the social service field to chart family history. Specifics on process and format will be provided in class.
4. Students will create their own representation of the Cycle of Abuse/Cycle of Recovery. Format and specifics to be given in class.
5. Report on Elder Abuse will be 3 – 5 typewritten pages. Your report will identify different kinds of elder abuse and dynamics of family interaction. Specifics on format and content to be given in class by instructor.

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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
F (Fail)	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.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Attendance:

Significant learning takes place in the classroom through an interactive learning approach, therefore, ALL students must attend 60% of the classes to obtain a passing grade.

ALL assignments are to be handed in on the due date and are to be typewritten. Any late assignments will be penalized 1% per day late.

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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 the Special Needs office 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.

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.