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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: PATTERNS AND IMPACTS OF FAMILY ABUSE
CODE NO. : NSW204 **SEMESTER:** 3
PROGRAM: Social Services Worker-Native
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HOURS/WEEK: 3

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Abuse within families may occur in relationships with elders, children and/or partners. Students will become familiar with the dynamics of abusive relationships, cycles of violence and recovery, and types/characteristics of family abuse. The Child and Family Services Act provides guidance for professionals and services working with violence within the family. Students will recognize the need for advocacy by understanding the impacts, patterns and services of abuse within families.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

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

1. Communicate and apply key pieces of relevant legislation to areas of family violence.

Potential Elements of Performance

1. Access and accurately interpret, in everyday language the Child and Family Services Act
2. Discuss and demonstrate the interdependent relationship between legislation and the social service field
3. Adhere to and apply relevant legislation for the benefit of individuals, families and communities
4. Advocate, network and liaise between First Nations communities and external sources, services and agencies to ensure best practices with respect to relevant family legislation

2. Identify and assess the patterns, impacts and dynamics of child maltreatment.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Recognize the effects of child maltreatment on child development
- b. Utilize appropriate assessment tools for types, symptoms and effects of child neglect, physical, sexual and psychological abuse
- c. Characterize the physical symptoms and behavioural indicators of physical abuse.
- d. Profile social functioning and issues of parents who are physically abusive
- e. Categorize the progression, phases and types of sexual abuse
- f. Compare and contrast intrafamilial and extrafamilial sexually abusive patterns, profiles and dynamics
- g. Define psychological abuse and its impacts
- h. Advocate, in an informed manner, for best practices in service implementation, cooperation and substitute care for families and communities experiencing violence

3. Identify and assess the patterns, impacts and dynamics of intimate partner violence.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Demonstrate an understanding of the ongoing cycle of violence and its impact on interpersonal relationships
- b. Distinguish between types of abuse and their impacts on individuals, families and communities.
- c. Connect the realities of partner violence with its effects on children in the family
- d. Recognize the essential aspects of safety planning
- e. Profile issues and dynamics of perpetrators of intimate partner violence
- f. Apply sources, referral skills and services for reclaiming of self for families who have experienced violence

4. Identify and assess the patterns, impacts and dynamics of elder abuse.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- a. Construct a personal and professional understanding of the dynamics of family violence
- b. Categorize the various types of elder abuse
- c. Recognize the related issues and family dynamics that may lead to or result from elder abuse
- d. Identify ethical and legal issues relevant to working with families who experience violence.

III. TOPICS:

1. Related Legislation

- Child and Family Services Act: Child Protection, Duty to Report,
- Relevant portions of The Divorce Act, Children's Law Reform Act, Family Responsibility and Support Arrears Enforcement Act, Substitute Decisions Act, Restraining Orders and Peace Bonds

2. Child Maltreatment

- Effects on Development and Attachment
- Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Psychological Abuse
- Substitute Care (Foster Care, Customary Care etc)

- 3. **Partner Violence**
 - Cycle of Violence
 - Types of Abuse and Impacts of Abuse
 - Effects on Children
 - Profiles of Perpetrators
 - Safety Planning
 - Reclaiming Self

- 4. **Elder Abuse**
 - Types of Abuse
 - Related Issues and Impacts
 - Family Dynamics

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect by C. Crosson-Tower (6th ed.) Pearson Allyn and Bacon

When Love Hurts: A Guide to Understanding Abuse in Relationships by J. Cory and K. McAndless-Davies, Women Kind Press

Child and Family Services Act (and other relevant provincial legislation available on line from <http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca>).

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

1. Video Report #1	25%
2. Elder Abuse Paper	25%
3. Test	25%
4. Video Report #2	25%
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Total	100%

1. Video Reports

Students will write two 3 – 5 page reports after viewing in-class videos. The videos will cover family violence issues. The paper will include a summary of the video, identify and relate the family issues to material covered in the class and in the text and will personal reaction. As students relate class material the textbook and other sources are to be properly sited and referenced. Specifics to be provided.

2. Test:

There is only one test in this course and it will be a comprehensive coverage of all topics taken in the course. The test cannot be rewritten to receive a higher grade. Students who miss the test without making prior arrangements with the professor will be given a zero on the test.

3. Elder Abuse Paper

Students are to research using books, internet and personal interview sources the issues involved in and related to elder abuse. Students must hand in a 3-5 page paper (double –spaced, 12 font) defining elder abuse, the different types of elder abuse and the issues and family dynamics involved in elder abuse. The paper should include any programs or initiatives in place to address this problem and identify local agencies or services that could assist those dealing with elder abuse.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in post-secondary courses:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	2.00
C	60 - 69%	1.00
D	50 – 59%	0.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	
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.	
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:

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 professor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 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 post-secondary institutions.

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.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. 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.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance and participation are important to the student's learning experience. Significant learning takes place in the classroom through interactive learning. You are expected to attend class regularly. If you are unable to attend class you must contact the instructor. ***Students who miss more than 40% or more of the scheduled classes will obtain a failing grade.*** It is the student's responsibility to make up any work that has been missed.

Late Assignments

All assignments are to be handed in on the due date and are to be typewritten and handed into the instructor at the beginning of class. Any late assignments will be deducted 1% per day for up to a total of 5 days. Assignments submitted after 5 days will not be accepted.

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.