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COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Abuse & Family Violence

CODE NO. : HSC300

SEMESTER: Three

PROGRAM: Early Childhood Education

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PREVIOUS OUTLINE

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DATE

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HOURS/WEEK: 3

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Child abuse intervention and treatment are now generally seen as the responsibility of every individual. Spousal abuse also needs to take the forefront as a crucial social issue. By examining the ways that families and individuals resolve conflict, students will learn that non-violent behaviours can replace dysfunctional patterns. Learning constructive ways of coping with stress, anger and conflict can become a deterrent to the family violence phenomenon. Students will examine the complex factors and conditions which contribute to various forms of abusive situations within the family. Causes for various forms of violence, reporting procedures, and intervention strategies are examined as well.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

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

1. *Identify Causes and Dynamics of Abuse***Potential Elements of the Performance:**

- Examine historical, sociological and religious beliefs and practices which influence attitudes and behaviours toward children and others
- Differentiate between various forms of abuse
- Outline the elements of the cycle of violence
- Explain how power and control imbalance results in continuing patterns of violence.
- Discuss the incidence of various forms of abuse
- Examine the influence of violence in our culture

2. *Identify the Indicators and Effects of Various Forms of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence***Potential Elements of the Performance:**

- Recognize signs, symptoms or clues that may indicate the occurrence of child abuse or domestic violence
- Describe the potential impact of experiencing/witnessing abuse.
- Outline the characteristics of abusive/neglectful people.

3. *Outline One's Professional Role in the Early Identification, Prevention/Intervention and Referral Of Families in Which Abuse Is Suspected or Deemed to Be a High Risk.***Potential Elements of the Performance:**

- Examine how personal feelings and values influence our effectiveness in working with abused children
- Investigate the legislation pertaining to reporting various types of abuse
- Formulate methods for dealing with disclosures of abuse
- Describe the policies and protocol established for dealing with disclosures/suspicions of abuse
- Examine how to handle allegations of abuse
- Formulate methods of supporting children and their families

4. ***Outline Support and Prevention Efforts to Reduce the Incidence and Effects of Abuse and Domestic Violence***

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe various prevention programs designed to empower young children
- Assess how prevention and intervention programs can be used effectively
- Propose various methods of support and intervention for abused victims and their abusers
- Determine methods of realigning societal values and socialization practices
- Identify abuse prevention/support agencies and describe their function
- Investigate methods of caring for the caregiver

III. TOPICS:

1. Personal Values and Self-analysis of Feelings Related to Abuse
2. Historical, Cultural and Sociological Practices and Beliefs Which Contribute to Intra-family Violence
3. Forms of Abuse
4. Cycle of Violence
5. Indicators
6. Impact on Children
7. Legislation/Reporting
8. Helping the Child and Family
9. Criminal Justice System
10. Advocating Change

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

FOR ALL DISCIPLINES:

1. **Reaching Out. Working Together To Identify and Respond To Child Victims of Abuse.** Pearl Rimmer and Betsy Prager. International Thomson Publishing Company. 1998.

ADDITIONAL FOR ECE

2. **Day Nurseries Act: Revised Statutes of Ontario**, February 2002

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Course learning outcomes will be determined on the basis of the following:

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| 1. TESTS (3 x10%) | 30% |
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| 2. ASSIGNMENTS | |
| ▪ Abuse/Domestic Violence Survey | 10% |
| ▪ Novel Study | 15% |
| ▪ Current Issues | 10% |
| ▪ WebCT Modules | 10% |
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| 3. IN CLASS ACTIVITIES | 25% |
| Various in-class and 'overnight' assignments are assigned to be handed in and/or reported on in class. | |

Students will attend a child abuse prevention workshop on 'Care For Kids', presented by the Algoma Health Unit. Specifics to be discussed in class.

*Monday, November 7, 2005
9:00am to 4:00 pm
Enji Maawnjiding (Native Centre)*

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 703 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.

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.

Specific Class Information

Assignments:

- Major assignments (5% or more) must be submitted on the due date, at the beginning of class, unless otherwise specified by the instructor. If major assignments are late, both the following steps must be taken in order for the assignment to be evaluated;
 1. Major assignments that are late are to be handed in to Room E3209 (slip under the door).
 2. The instructor will be notified, through WebCT, that the assignment has been handed in. An attachment (in Microsoft Word format) of the completed assignment must be included. A reply will be sent back to you indicating that the material has been received.
- Late, major assignments **will be deducted 5% per day** (20% maximum deduction). Major assignments **more than one week late will not be accepted**.
- All assignments are to be typed unless otherwise stated.
- In-class or weekly assignment are due on the assigned date. These assignments will not be accepted after that date, as they are a part of class work and discussions.
- Students are responsible for retaining a file of all drafts and returned assignments. We suggest students keep their computer file of assignments until the end of semester. In the event of a grade dispute, students must produce the graded assignment, so it can be recorded
- Students must adhere to dates set for oral presentations unless the professor has approved prior arrangements. Students who do not present on their presentation date will forfeit the mark for that assignment.

Tests/Quizzes:

Tests/Quizzes must be completed on the date scheduled. If unable to attend **due to illness or extenuating circumstances**, contact the professor prior to the start of the test. An alternative date must be arranged before the next class.

Missed Classes

If a student misses a class, it is their responsibility to ask a classmate to take notes and pick up assignments and handouts.

Learning Environment:

In the interest of providing an optimal learning environment, students are to follow these expectations;

- Students should be aware that the expectations for their conduct in class are outlined in the "Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities" in the Sault College Handbook.
- Late students are expected to quietly enter the classroom and sit in the nearest seat available. Have your notes and writing material ready before you enter class. If assignments and activities have begun, please wait until they are completed. Wait until after class to speak to classmates about missed material. Make sure you have made arrangements with someone in the class to pick up handouts and take notes for you.
- Students are to keep private conversations out of the classroom.

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.