

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN SERVICES

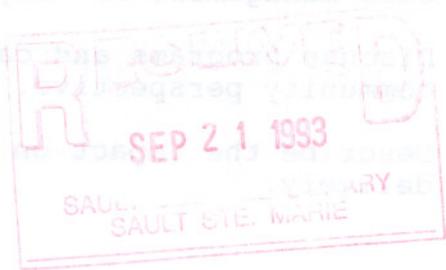
CODE NO.: HSC101 SEMESTER: ONE

PROGRAM: CHILD AND YOUTH WORKER - M.MCFARLING
CORRECTIONAL WORKER - E.FINN
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WORKER - E.FINN
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION - K.CAMERON DELUCO
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HSC101 - 3 credits

I. PREREQUISITE

Due to the introductory nature of this course, there is no prerequisite.

II. COREQUISITE

It is strongly suggested that the student be enrolled in the Introduction to Observation Skills Course concurrently with this course.

III. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to enable the student to explore careers in the Human Service field. As a means to this end, the student will be exposed to the local social service delivery system and will examine it as a response to the community needs. Participants will examine the roles of various Human Service providers. As assessment of self in relation to the demands of a worker in the Human Service field will be a major area of focus in this course.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the evolution of the social welfare system in Canada, its philosophical base, nature of services and inherent professional values.
2. State and discuss the concepts, principles and skills of effective networking within the community.
3. List and discuss the interpersonal skills and characteristics that are essential requirements of Human Service work.
4. Identify and explain the assessment process, problem solving and case management as they relate to Human Service Delivery.
5. Discuss programs and career opportunities in Human Services from an community perspective.
6. Describe the impact on the political climate on Human Service delivery.

V. TEACHING STRATEGIES

The course will be taught through a variety of teaching strategies. Among these are lecture, guest speaker, audio-visual material, independent/self-directed learning and assignments.

Presentation will vary with area being discussed.

VI. TEXTS

Students are required to purchase the following texts:

Mehr, Joseph., Human Services: Concepts and Intervention Strategies, Allyn and Bacon, Toronto 1992

Note: In that this a generic course, each program cluster will be using the pertinent legislation, ie for CYW:

Government of Ontario., Child and Family Services Act, 1984 Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 55., Ministry of the Attorney General, Toronto 1984.

Note: Your instructor will advise you in this area.

A number of articles and other material relative to this course are on reserve in the library. It is the students responsibility to process this material as required in the course. There will be a demand for this material so - "Shop Early" - avoid the rush.

VII. EVALUATION

Assignments are described in full - see attached.

There will be three (3) tests on material presented/assigned.

Test 1	20%	Dates of tests T.B.A.
Test 2	20%	
Test 3	20%	
Assignment 1	15%	Due dates for these assignments will be established in class in consultation with the group
Assignment 2	5%	
Assignment 3	10%	
Assignment 4	10%	
Total	<u>100%</u>	

ASSIGNMENT 1.

As a beginning Human Services Worker, the student needs to gain a sensitivity to, and awareness of, the issues that face the community and nation in the area of social service issues and delivery.

One of the best ways of doing this is through independent study and research. The point of this assignment is that the student will access the popular press ie. magazines and newspapers and gather a collection of pertinent articles dealing with the social condition and service delivery. This will require the student to be in touch with various media and be cognizant of the issues being present.

The Task

Over the duration of the course - 15 weeks, the student is to clip at least ten relevant newspaper or magazine articles. The articles are to be mounted in an appropriate form in a duo-tang. Each article is to be summarized in terms of the issues presented and the action taken or proposed. The articles can pertain to any relevant theme(s) ie Addictions, Child Welfare, Community Development Corrections, Crisis/Emergency Services, Daycare for Children, Education, Employment/Training, Health, Housing, Legal Assistant, MR Services, Prevention Programs, Services to the Aged and Volunteerism.

It is a requirement that the student write a short 500 word paper reflective of the insight gained from this exercise.

Caution

Lurid accounts of seduction/abduction, children of alien life forms, etc. from supermarket tabloids are inappropriate. Inclusion of these, in a student's project, will result in the public humiliation and ridicule of the offending student.

ASSIGNMENT 2.

In that this is an introductory level course, the assumption is that the student needs to explore his/her own self in terms of the material being presented. In this instance, one of the areas is an examination of the qualities essential to a Human Service Provider.

This assignment requires the student to examine their personal qualities relative to the field, to define these in behavioural terms, seek validation for these, and to suggest ways that these can be enhanced or added to.

The Task

Working with three other students define the qualities that you as a small group perceive to be essential to the Human Service field. Record these in random order.

Using examples from your own experience, describe how you perceive yourself in terms of these qualities. It is your responsibility to seek supportive evidence from your group to validate that the quality you say you have is at least minimally evident, etc.

Examine the areas on which you and your group feel there is work to be done and develop some strategy and an implementation plan that would lead to the acquisition of these skills. This is of course on a beginning level.

You are required to document the resulting data and submit it to the instructor in the appropriate format for evaluation. As Human Service Providers, it is essential that we have a clear sense of our own strengths and needs.

ASSIGNMENT 3.

In order to become more aware of the gaps in the Human Service delivery system, it is essential that the student is familiar with the services as they currently exist. It will soon become apparent that there are perhaps areas that have not been fully addressed or that are currently underserved given the present financial reality. It is important that the individual can envision additional services to augment those that currently exist.

The Task

Working in a small group, you are charged with the following task:

You are a committee that has access to limited funding on a one-time basis. You are to assess the community needs and to present a proposal for a service that will meet community needs. Your proposal can be geared to a specific element in the community or be of a more general nature.

Your proposal is to be presented before the full class with a needs study, proposal and implementation plan. It is the groups responsibility to ensure that the proposal is in a form appropriate for review by the instructor.

The total funding level available to your group is \$150,000.00. This is to cover all costs incurred including the needs survey, etc. Your proposal needs to describe the level of service, staff complement and area to be served.

All group members need to be actively involved in the proposal construction and presentation.

ASSIGNMENT 4.

The entire area of Human Services is of much interest to many individuals. It is often the case that different areas appear to different individuals. In this assignment, you are encouraged to decide on your own area of interest. It is essential that you explore this area and prepare a report outlining the information you have discovered and the relevance of same to your chosen field.

In that this project is to be self-directed, the instructor will have little input and will not provide much direction aside for assistance in locating resources, technical information, etc. The student is encourage to field virtually all of the issues in this assignment.

If you are having difficulty narrowing in on an area of study feel free to consult with the group or instructor. Once an area of search has been defined you are encouraged to explore the area on your own.

The final report needs to be typed and referenced in the usual format.