



## I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Child and youth abuse identification and intervention are viewed as the responsibility of every individual. Abuse of children often occurs within the larger system of family violence. Impact of socialization and prevention programs will be examined as pertinent social issues. Assessment, treatment and prevention techniques and programs will be examined including conflict resolution skills.

## II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

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

1. ***Develop awareness of the magnitude and a working knowledge of Abuse and Family Violence.***

### **Elements of the Performance**

- Demonstrate his/her understanding and background knowledge in regards to abuse and neglect issues resulting in a working definition of child abuse.
- Discuss the statistics which estimate the incidence of abuse within society and the current laws governing reporting procedures.
- Recognize the major causal factors of abuse/neglect and formulate treatment plans in response to various scenarios/case studies.
- Recognize indicators of abuse/neglect.

2. ***Review the process of recording and interacting with individuals and gain insight as to why individuals remain in an abusive relationship.***

### **Elements of the Performance:**

- Demonstrate appropriate interviewing techniques
- Collect and record pertinent information about children and their families when an abusive situation is suspected as well as reporting procedures.
- Assume responsibility for the treatment and prevention of abuse and neglect as a Child and Youth Worker (Human Services Worker) professional.

3. ***Gain Knowledge of the treatment issues for battered women and men and for Children who witness or experience violence themselves, or elders.***

### **Elements of the Performance:**

- Describe abuse in home and institutional settings and suggest preventative action to decrease/stop occurrences.
- Recognize and articulate issues of Partner Assault and the impact for children who witness violence.
- Demonstrate knowledge of abuse of special populations as part of the cycle of violence.
- Demonstrate knowledge and application of treatment for children and persons who have been victims of abuse or neglect.

**III. TOPICS:**

1. Background Knowledge of Abuse
2. Estimating the Incidence of Abuse in Society
3. Causal Factors in Abuse
4. Identification of Abuse and Neglect
5. Interviewing Techniques
6. Documenting and Reporting of Abuse and Neglect
7. Treatment and Prevention of Abuse: The Child and Youth Worker's Professional Role
8. Special Populations (such as elders, siblings, LGBTTTIQ, persons with disabilities, etc.)

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

**Provided by the College:**

Relevant handouts, films and videos if applicable; the Learning Resources Centre Books on reserve in the Library.

**Provided by the Student:**

1. Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect, (current ed.). Allyn & Bacon.

**Buddy System:** Please establish liaison with a student and get their contact number to correspond and communicate course material, notes, handouts, test dates, course changes, assignments, etc.

**Calendar:** Mark in important dates, exams, assignments. Dates are tentative. Please keep in touch with any changes.

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**

A final grade will be derived from the following:

Assignments (2 x 5%)	10%
Case Study Reviews	20%
Participation (demonstrating respect/empathy)	15%
Test #1	15%
Test #2	20%
Test #3	20%
Total	<hr/> 100%

**Assignments**

Details to be provided in class

**Case Reviews**

Students will be required to individually complete two Case Reviews during class time. Cases will be distributed in class by the instructor. Students will be asked to identify the primary form of abuse, any secondary forms of abuse, related symptoms and their personal reaction to the case. Case Reviews will be discussed class. Further instruction regarding Case Reviews will be given on Week One of the course.

**Participation**

There are a great many activities in the classroom from discussions to self-protection skills. Students need to demonstrate a genuine attempt at empathy by asking questions and not making judgmental statements about persons or their circumstances. They will demonstrate respect of others by not distracting others with talking, texting, e-mailing, inappropriate or offensive comments. 5 marks from participation will be deducted for such behaviour. Students can earn back participation marks 1 mark a week for future active participation in the classroom.

**Test #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Test #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Test #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Students are required to complete all assignments and reports on time. Lates (other than substantiated emergencies) will be docked **5 marks per day late** (i.e. overnight). If students are not able to attend a test a Voice mail (Ext 2564) is required the day of the test or a mark of zero will result. Reasons for missing a test are illness or emergency only.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP A **COPY OF ALL ASSIGNMENTS** SUBMITTED TO THE INSTRUCTOR.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

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

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:

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

*It is the departmental policy that once the classroom door has been closed, the learning process has begun. Late arrivers will not be granted admission to the room.*

#### VII. COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDUM:

The provisions contained in the addendum located on the portal form part of this course outline.