

Course Description

This course will explore the structure and administration of community organizations that operate within and adjacent to the Criminal Justice System. The student will be required to perform community service with a social or community agency. This "volunteer" experience will help facilitate understanding of the function of social and community agencies.

Course Learning Outcomes

Students who receive credit for this course will have demonstrated their ability to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of community and the role of social services
 - a. Identify social services within the community
 - b. recognize the Interrelationships among various social services, other participants in the criminal justice system and police
 - c. describe operational practices of social service agencies
 - d. identify cost sharing procedures between the levels of government and charitable organization that fund social service agencies
 - e. collect information of community and social services through electronic media, written research and community and social services representative

2. Demonstrate knowledge of Issues, trends and legislation that impact on community social services
 - a. analyse current social policy, relevant legislation and political, cultural and/or economic systems that impact community social services
 - b. Interpret various social welfare legislation and its impact on different populations
 - c. identify systematic barriers to access of community services
 - d. identify demographic trends as it relates to community services

3. Establish and maintain placement within a community or social service.
 - a. Initiate, promote and facilitate a partnership with the community to meet service needs
 - b. collect, analyse and organize relevant information which demonstrates knowledge of a social service agency or community service
 - c. perform job-related functions independently and under supervisor
 - d. work in compliance with relevant law and regulations; and the objectives, policies and procedures of the workplace
 - e. act in a manner consistent with equity and fairness while working with diverse populations
 - f. apply knowledge obtained during theoretical and practical analysis of community and social services

