

METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE OF DENVER
Office of Academic Affairs

REGULAR COURSE SYLLABUS

School of : Letters Arts and Sciences

Department: Social Work

Semester(s) Offered: Fall/Spring/Summer

Prefix & Course Number: SWK1020

Crosslisted With*: _____

Course Title: Introduction to Agency Experience

CIP Code: 44.0701

Check All That Apply: Required for Major: x Required for Minor: x Specified Elective: Required

for Concentration: Elective: Service Course:

Credit Hours: 1 (1+0)

Contact Hours: Lecture 15 Lab 0 Internship 0 Practicum 0

Schedule Type(s): L and J **Grading Mode(s):** L

Repeat* (Variable topics): _____

*(Pertinent only if the course can be repeated; enter maximum number of hours that can be earned by taking this course.)

Restrictions (Variable Topics Course): NA

Prerequisite(s): Social Work 1010 or permission of instructor

Corequisite(s): None

Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s):

Banner Enforced:

Prerequisite(s):

Corequisite(s):

Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s):

Catalog Course Description:

This course introduces students to social work roles in social service agencies. Concurrent volunteer experience in social work agency is required.

APPROVED:

Department Chair/Institute Director

Date

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Date

Associate VP, Academic Affairs

Date

*If crosslisted, attach completed Course Crosslisting Agreement Form

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Required Reading and Other Materials will be equivalent to (Title, Author, Publisher, Copyright Date):

Days in the Lives of Social Workers. Grobman,L. White Hat Communications, (1999 or current edition).

Specific (Measurable) Student Behavioral Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Discuss values and ethics of the social work profession.
2. Discuss the meaning of professional conduct in social work agency settings.
3. Describe ways to avoid agency-worker conflicts and apply problem solving techniques to resolve conflicts' including ethical conflicts.
4. Discuss professional use of self as a social work professional.
5. Recognize differences in volunteer responsibilities and professional social work responsibilities.
6. Define limits of professional social work relationships.
7. Describe professional social work roles in a variety of primary and secondary work agency settings.

Detailed Outline of Course Content (Major Topics and Subtopics) or Outline of Field Experience/Internship (experience, responsibilities and supervision):

- I. Social work as a Profession
 - A. The role of ethics and values
 - B. Professional conduct
 - C. Orientation agency and employees
- II. Professional Use of Self
 - A. Knowing oneself
 - B. Volunteer vs. worker
 - C. Client-Worker relationships
 - D. Influence of gender, race and oppression on client needs
- III. Social Work Ethics and Values
 - A. N.A.S.W. code of ethics
 - B. Problem solving based on ethical guidelines
 - C. Relationships with agency and employees
 - D. Responsibilities of the social worker to oppressed populations, Agencies, social work and society

Evaluation of Student Performance:

Weekly Report on Volunteer Activities

Agency Orientation Summary (3-4 pages)

Completion of 30 hours of Volunteer Experience in a Social Work Agency

Final Student Performance Evaluation in Field Agency

Participation in Discussions and Activities

