

SCWK 2600 - Health Issues for Social Work Practice

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41115,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

2600. Health Issues for Social Work Practice. Explores impact of physical and biological forces on client issues/needs and importance of understanding these factors for professional social work practice. Emphasis given to biological development across the human lifespan, ecological issues, genetic influences, health concerns. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
No Readings			

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/25	Syllabus	Introductions, Review of Syllabus, Requirements and Expectations, Learning and Interests	Please Read the Syllabus
9/1	Blackboard Weekly Notes	The role of the social work, ethics & health issues with clients.	Social Work Roles & Health Care Settings & Ethics & Social Work NASW Code of Ethics
9/8	Blackboard Weekly Notes	The impact of effective communication, policy in health care and health insurance.	Health Policy and Social work with health insurance, Social Work Communication in Health Care
9/15	Blackboard Weekly Notes	Basic understanding of public health social work, and disability issues in practice.	Public Health & Social Work, Social Work Practice & Disability Issues NASW Code of Ethics
9/22	Blackboard Weekly Notes	Basic understanding of concepts related to Mental health issues and chronic diseases.	Adherence & Mental Health Issues in Chronic Disease: Diabetes, Heart Disease & HIV
9/29	Blackboard Weekly Notes	Learn about the prevalence and health issues related to substances and sexual health.	Human Sexual Health & Substance Use Problems in Health.
10/6	Group Work Research	Explore specific interventions and research the topics chosen by the groups.	Group Work research
10/13	Blackboard Weekly Notes	Health issues & social work with children, adolescence and older adult populations.	Social Work with Children & Adolescents Social Work with Older Adults



10/20	No readings	Learn about real life accounts of health issues in documentary	Documentary
10/27	No readings	Students will learn about specific conditions researched for Individual presentations.	Individual presentations
11/3	No readings	Students will learn about specific conditions researched for Individual presentations.	Individual presentations
11/10	No readings	Students will learn about specific conditions researched for Individual presentations.	Individual presentations
11/17	Group Work Research	Learn about specific interventions and research the topics chosen by the groups.	Group Work research
11/24	No readings	Learn about specific health interventions and research presented by groups on chosen topics	Group research and intervention presentations
12/1	No readings	Learn about specific health interventions and research presented by groups on chosen topics	Group research and intervention presentations
12/8	Final Exam		

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