SCWK 2600 - Health Issues for Social Work Practice

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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
Required	Readings Embedded in Course		

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
8/24	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 1: Introduction	Due 8/30 at 11:59pm: Week 1 Discussion 1 - Reply Week 1 Discussion 2 - Reply Lesson 1 Quiz
8/31	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 2: Stages of Change	Due 9/6 at 11:59pm: Week 2 Quiz Week 2-Discussion 1-Stages of Change - Reply
9/7	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 3: Medical vs. BioPsychosocial Models	Due 9/13 at 11:59pm: Week 3 Quiz Week 3-Discussion 1-Medical vs BioPsychosocial Models - Reply Due 9/13 before 11:59:22pm: Week 3 Discussion 2 - Reply
9/14	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 4: Medicare Gap	Due 9/20 at 11:59pm: Week 4 Quiz Week 4 Discussion-Medicare Cap - Reply

9/21	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 5:	Due 9/27 at 11:59pm: Week 5 Quiz Due 9/27 before 11:59:41pm: Week 5-Discussion 1 - Reply
9/28	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 6: Healthy People 2030	Due 10/4 at 11:59pm: Week 6 Quiz Due 10/4 before 11:59:52pm: Week 6 Discussion-Healthy People 2030 - Reply
10/5	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 7: ADA	Due 10/11 at 11:59pm: Week 7: Assignment - Reflective Journal Week 7 Quiz Due 10/11 before 11:59:44pm: Looking at the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Discussion - Reply
10/12	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 8: Health Intervention	Due 10/18 at 11:59pm: Week 8 Quiz Week 8-Health Intervention Proposal - Part I - The Health Topic
10/19	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 9: Alcohol Related Deaths	Due 10/25 at 11:59pm: Week 9 Quiz Due 10/25 before 11:59:46pm: Week 9-Alcohol Related Deaths Discussion - Reply Due 10/25 at 11:59pm: Week 9-Health Intervention Paper Part 2-Patient Issues
10/26	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 10: Health Intervention	
11/2	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 11: Health Intervention	Due 11/1 at 11:59pm: Week 10 Quiz Week 10- Health Intervention Paper-Part 3-Social Work Intervention Due 11/1 before 11:59:29pm: Week 10: Social Work with Older Adults - Reply
11/9	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 12: Health Proposal	Due 11/8 at 11:59pm: Week 11-Heatlh Intervention Paper-Part 4
11/16	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 13: Individual Research Disease	Due 11/15 at 11:59pm: Week 12-Health Paper Propsal-Final Paper and Presentation Week 12-Health Proposal Paper Presentation Peer Review & Reflection
11/23	See Blackboard Linked Readings.	Week 14: Individual Rearch	Due 11/22 at 11:59pm: Week 13 Assignment: Individual Research-Disease Interview Paper
11/30		Week 15: Final Review	
12/7		Week 16: Finals Exam	Due 12/6 at 11:59pm: Week 15 - Final Exam

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