

SCWK 3730 - Social Services and the Aged

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Course Description

3730. Social Services and the Aged. An empirical and analytical base for understanding the policies, problems, and trends in services for the aged.

Prereq.: none. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Aging Well, Solutions to the Most Pressing Global Challenges to Aging	Galiana, J & Hasltine	SWK205_Textbook_Aging_Well_2_3_.pdf

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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. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 1: To introduce the topic of older adults.	Due 8/30 at 11:59pm: Lesson 1 Discussion 1 - Reply Lesson 1 Discussion 2 - Reply
8/31	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 2: To learn about the process of aging and well-being related to older adults.	Due 9/6 before midnight: Lesson 2 Assignment Due 9/6 before 11:59:25pm: Lesson 2 Discussion - Reply
9/7	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 3: To learn about the different roles of a Social Worker in working with older adults.	Due 9/13 at 11:59pm: Lesson 3 Discussion - Reply
9/14	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 4: To learn about the impact of aging on cognitive functioning and the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's.	Due 9/20 before midnight: Lesson 4 Quiz Due 9/20 before 11:59:03pm: Lesson 4 Discussion - Reply



9/21	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 5: To learn about the assessment process with older adults.	Due 9/27 before midnight: Lesson 5 Assignment Due 9/27 before 11:59:51pm: Lesson 5 Discussion - Reply
9/28	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 6: To learn about the signs, symptoms, and impact of mental health in older adults.	Due 10/4 before midnight: Unit 3 Lesson 6 Quiz Due 10/4 before 11:59:19pm: Lesson 6 Discussion - Reply
10/5	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 7: To learn about the impact of substance use in older adults.	Due 10/11 before midnight: Unit 4 Lesson 7 Quiz Due 10/11 before 11:59:59pm: Lesson 7 Discussion - Reply
10/12	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 8: To learn about the specific financial needs of older adults.	Due 10/18 before 12am: Lesson 8 Assignment Due 10/18 before 11:59:43am: Lesson 8 Discussion - Reply
10/19	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 9: To learn about relevant interventions when working with older adults.	Due 10/25 before 11:59:44am: Lesson 9 Discussion 1 - Reply
10/26	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 10: To learn about the spiritual needs of older adults.	Due 11/1 before 11:59:14am: Lesson 10 Discussion - Reply
11/2	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 11: To learn about specific legal issues and policies related to older adults.	Due 11/8 before 11:59:48am: Lesson 11 Discussion - Reply
11/9	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 12: To learn about the types and signs of elder abuse.	Due 11/15 before 12am: Lesson 12 Assignment Due 11/15 before 11:59:09am: Lesson 12 Discussion - Reply
11/16	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 13: To learn about grief/loss and end-of-life issues related to older adults	Due 11/22 at 11:59am: Lesson 13 Assignment Due 11/22 before 11:59:39am: Lesson 13 Discussion 1 - Reply
11/23	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 14: To learn about palliative care/hospice.	
11/30	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 15: To learn about the specific needs of families/caregivers and resources available to support them.	Due 12/1 at 11:59am: Lesson 14 Assignment Due 12/6 before 11:59:23am: Lesson 15 Discussion - Reply Due 12/1 before 11:59:34am: Lesson 14 Discussion - Reply
12/7	See Blackboard Linked Readings. Material also available here in additional course detail	Lesson 16: To learn about the different community care options for older adults and the resources available for them and their families.	Due 12/12 before 11:59:26am: Lesson 16 Discussion - Reply

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