SCWK 3736 - Social Work Methods with Individuals

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40835,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

3736. Social Work Methods with Individuals. Overview of generalist practice methods with client systems of varying sizes. In-depth analysis of problem solving strategies and skills in working with individuals. Theory and research relating to practice. Social work purposes, functions, and values are addressed from the systems perspective. Prereq.: Admission to SCWK Program. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Choose One	None		

None

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	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Week 1 Tuesday Aug 25 & Thursday Aug 27 Topics: Introduction and Review of the Syllabus Purpose of Social Work, the Generalist Intervention Model	
8/31	Tuesday Sept 1 & Thursday Sept 3 Topics: Problems/Strengths/ Micro/Mezzo/Macro	
9/7	Tuesday Sept 8 & Thursday Sept 10 Topics: Engagement and Assessment	
9/14	Tuesday Sept 15 & Thursday Sept 17 Topics: Self Determination & Empathy	

9/21	Tuesday Sept 22 & Thursday Sept 24 Topics: Progress Notes & Contributing Factors	
9/28	Tuesday Sept 29 & Thursday Oct 1 Topics: Values, Ethics, and the Resolution of Ethical Dilemmas	
10/5	Tuesday Oct 6 & Thursday Oct 8 Topics: Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI)	
10/12	Tuesday Oct 13 & Thursday Oct 15 Topics: Interventions (Mental Health/Suicide)	Assignment Due on Wednesday, Oct 14 at midnight: GIM Assignment 1
10/19	Tuesday Oct 20 & Thursday Oct 22 Topics: Interventions for Substance Use Disorder	
10/26	Tuesday Oct 27 & Thursday Oct 29 Topics: Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Motivational Interviewing & Harm Reduction	Assignment Due on Wednesday Oct 28 at midnight: Self Assessment
11/2	Tuesday Nov 3 & Thursday Nov 5 Pros and Cons of Interventions	Assignment Due on Wednesday Nov 4 at midnight: GIM Revisions
11/9	Tuesday Nov 10 & Thursday Nov 12 Goals & Objectives	
11/16	Tuesday Nov 17 & Thursday Nov 19 Evaluation, Termination, and Follow-up	
11/23	Tuesday Nov 24 & Thursday Nov 26 – No class Nov 26 Happy Thanksgiving Catch Up & Review	
11/30	Tuesday Dec 1 & Thursday Dec 3 Catch Up & Review	Assignment Due on Wednesday, Dec 2 at midnight: GIM Assignment 2
12/7	Tuesday, Dec 8 & Thursday, Dec 10 Catch Up & Review	Assignment Due on Sunday, Dec 6 at midnight: Self-Assessment 2

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