

SCWK 3737 - Social Work Methods with Groups

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Course Description

3737. Social Work Methods with Groups. In-depth analysis of problem-solving strategies and skills in working with small groups. Theory and research relating to practice. Social work purpose, functions, and values are addressed for the systems perspective. Prereq.: Social Work Majors Only. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Introduction to Group Work Practice, An, 8th edition	Toseland, Ronald W., author.	Rivas, Robert F., author.
Optional	An introduction to group work practice global edition, (8th ed.), Allyn & Bacon, MA.	Toseland, R. & Rivas, R., (2017)	

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	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 1	Topic: Review of Syllabus and Introduction into Group Work In lecture video: Ice Breaker & So you want to be a social worker video. Topic: Introduction Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 1	Discussion 1: Proctoring Assignment 1: Implicit bias test Due 8/26 before 11:59:11pm: Discussion 1: Proctoring Due 8/27 before 5:50:37pm: Discussion 1: Proctoring - Reply Due 8/28 at 11:59pm: Assignment 1: Implicit Bias Test
8/31	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 2	Topic: Historical and Theoretical Considerations	Due: Quiz 1 Due 9/4 at 11:59pm: Quiz 1 Due 9/6 at 11:59pm: Quiz 2



9/7	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 3	Topic: Group Dynamics and Group Development Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 3	Due: Discussion 2
9/14	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 4	Topic: Leadership	Due: Quiz 2 Due 9/18 before 11:59:42pm: Discussion 2: critical thinking Due 9/19 at 5:51pm: Discussion 2: critical thinking - Reply
9/21	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 5	Topic: Leadership and diversity	Due: Quiz 3 Discussion 3: Leadership Due 9/27 at 11:59pm: Quiz 3
9/28	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 6 In lecture video	Topic: Planning the Group Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 6 In lecture video: Developing a Proposal Activity (page 467-470)	Due: Quiz 4 Due 9/28 at 11:59pm: Assignment 2 Due 10/4 at 11:59pm: Quiz 4
10/5	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 7	Topic: The Beginning Phase Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 7	Due 10/6 before 11:59:37pm: Discussion 3: Reflection Due 10/7 before 5:50:14pm: Discussion 3: Reflection - Reply
10/12	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 8	Topic: Assessment Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 8 In lecture video: Assessments and Measures Activity	Due: Quiz 5 Due 10/18 at 11:59pm: Quiz 5
10/19	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 9	Topic: Treatment groups: Foundation methods Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 9	Due: Assignment 2. Group Observation Report Due: Quiz 6 Due 10/25 at 11:59pm: Quiz 6
10/26	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 10	Topic: Treatment groups: Specialized methods	Due: Quiz 7 Discussion 4: Balancing confidentiality and group accountability
11/2	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 11	Topic: The task group: Foundation methods	Due: Quiz 8 Due 11/1 at 11:59pm: Quiz 7 Due 11/2 at 11:59pm: Assignment 3
11/9	Toseland & Rivas, Chapter 12	Topic: Task group: Specialized methods	Due: Discussion 5 Due 11/8 at 11:59pm: Quiz 8 Final exam Due 11/13 before 5:49:54pm: Discussion 4 Ethical Dilemmas in Group Work - Reply Due 11/12 before 11:59:29pm: Discussion 4 Ethical Dilemmas in Group Work
11/16	Topic Toseland & Rivas, Chapters 13 In lecture video	Topic: Ending the Groups Work Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapters 13 In lecture video: Termination/Ending the Group – PREZI, Icebreaker and Lecture	Due: Quiz 10 Due 11/15 at 11:59pm: Quiz 9

11/23	Toseland & Rivas, Chapters 14	Topic: Evaluation Readings: Toseland & Rivas, Chapters 14 In lecture video: Frontline – Social Worker Short Film, Icebreaker and Lecture	Presentations Due 11/23 at 11:59pm: Quiz 10 Due 11/25 at 11:59pm: Assignment 4 Power point presentation Due 11/27 before 5:49:33pm: Discussion 5 Designing a Task Group for Social Change - Reply Due 11/26 before 11:59:04pm: Discussion 5 Designing a Task Group for Social Change Due 11/28 before 5:47:11pm: discussion 6 case scenario - Reply Due 11/27 before 11:59:51pm: discussion 6 case scenario
11/30	Presentation weeks Discussion 6: Ending group meeting case	Presentation weeks Discussion 6: Ending group meeting case	Presentation weeks Discussion 6: Ending group meeting case
12/7	Final week	Final week Due: Final exam week	Final week Due: Final exam week

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