

SCWK 6910 - Integrated Foundation

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Course Description

6910. Integrated Foundation. An advanced course that emphasizes social work values, ethical dilemmas/implications, and the development of practice methods that integrate a strengths-based empowerment approach with individuals, families, and groups. Prereq.: Social Work Majors Only. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Direct social work practice: Theory and skills.	Hepworth, D.H., Rooney, R.H., Rooney, G.D., and Strom-Gottfried, K. (2023).	
Required	Code of Ethics Other articles as assigned.	NASW	

Supportive content-related research article readings may be assigned accordingly

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	Introduction Syllabus review and course expectation Chapter 1. The Challenges and Opportunities of Social Work	Introduction Syllabus review and course expectation Chapter 1. The Challenges and Opportunities of Social Work	Discussion 1 Reflection 1 Due 8/27 at 11:59pm: Introduction Discussion 1 - Reply Due 8/28 before 11:59:16pm: Complete Reflective Journal on Implicit Bias
8/31	Chapter 2.	Chapter 2. Orienting Frameworks for Social Work Practice	Discussion 2 Due 9/4 at 11:59pm: Discussion 2

9/7	Chapter 3.	Chapter 3. Overview of the Helping Process	Discussion 3 Due 9/13 before 5:58:11pm: Discussion 3
9/14	Chapter 4.	Chapter 4. Operationalizing Social Work Values and Ethics	Due 9/14 before 10:36:15am: Discussion 3 - Reply
9/21	Chapter 5. and Chapter 17	Chapter 5. Building Blocks of Communication: Conveying Empathy and Authenticity Chapter 17. Additive Empathy, Interpretation, and Confrontation	Ethical responsibility application paper Due 9/21 before 10:32:40am: Discussion 4 Due 9/22 before 10:37:03am: Discussion 4 - Reply Due 9/26 at 11:59pm: Ethical responsibility application paper
9/28	Chapter 6. and Chapter 7.	Chapter 6. Verbal Following, Exploring, and Focusing Skills Chapter 7. Eliminating Counterproductive Communication Patterns and Substituting Positive Alternatives	Discussion 4 Due 9/29 before 10:22:43am: Discussion 5 Due 9/30 before 11:29:52am: Discussion 5 - Reply
10/5	Chapter 8. and Chapter 9.	Chapter 8. Assessment: Exploring and Understanding Problems and Strengths Chapter 9. Assessing Individual and Environmental Factors and Their Interaction	Discussion 5 Due 10/11 before 10:40:36am: Discussion 6
10/12	Chapter 10 and Chapter 15	Chapter 10. Assessing Family Functioning in Diverse Family and Cultural Contexts Chapter 15. Enhancing Family Functioning and Relationships	Discussion 6 and Individual client case paper Due 10/12 before 11:59:43pm: Discussion 6 - Reply Due 10/18 before 11:59:28pm: Discussion 7
10/19	Chapter 11 and Chapter 16	Chapter 11. Understanding Social Work Groups Chapter 16. Facilitating Social Work Groups	Discussion 7 Due 10/19 before 11:57:36pm: Discussion 8 Due 10/19 before 11:59:17pm: Discussion 7 - Reply Due 10/20 before 11:59:02am: Discussion 8 - Reply
10/26	Chapter 12	Chapter 12. Developing Goals and Formulating a Contract	Discussion 8 and Competency based self-care assessment Due 10/26 before 11:58:40pm: Discussion 9 Due 10/27 at 11:59pm: Discussion 9 - Reply Due 10/28 at 11:59pm: Individual client case paper
11/2	Chapter 13.	Chapter 13. Choosing and Implementing Interventions to Facilitate Change Simulation Role play	Discussion 9
11/9	Chapters covered on intervention	Simulation session continues	Multisystem paper due Due 11/12 before 11:58:48pm: Discussion 10 Due 11/13 before 11:59:44pm: Discussion 10 - Reply
11/16	Chapter 14	Chapter 14. Balancing Micro and Macro Social Work Practice	Discussion 10 Due 11/15 at 11:59pm: Multiple Systems Paper (100 points) Due 11/19 at 11:59pm: Competency based self care assessment

11/23	Chapter 18. and Chapter 19.	Chapter 18. Managing Barriers to Change Chapter 19. The Final Phase: Evaluation and Termination Post test Course reflection	Course reflection
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12/7			Due 12/8 at 11:59pm: Course reflection paper

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