

Minnesota State University Moorhead

SW 505: Human Behavior & the Social Environment

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course is an overview and application of systems theory. Assess the interactions among individuals and between individuals and social systems. Includes an integration of bio-psycho-social variables that affect human development and behavior.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/05/2022 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Systems theory and the person in the environment framework
2. Psychosocial development
3. Bio-Psycho-social-cultural assessment
4. Social work values and ethics
5. Dynamics of power and oppression

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand the implications of human development across the life span for social work practice and demonstrate understanding of, and appreciation for, the variations and similarities of human behavior.
2. Apply critical thinking skills by learning and integrating various theories and perspectives of human behavior into a comprehensive model of social work assessment and practice.
3. Describe "person/system-in-environment" and apply it to human functioning and development in relation to biological, psychological, social, cultural, environmental, and spiritual variables.
4. Engage in practice within the values and ethics of the social work profession with an appreciation of, understanding of, and respect for the positive value of human diversity.
5. Understand the forms and mechanisms of political, economic, and social oppression and discrimination.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted