### Course: Social Work Research Methods

**Course Learning Objectives (CLO):**

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify and describe the components of a published social work research article.
2. Critique qualitative and quantitative scholarly journal articles relevant to generalist social work practice.
3. Apply ethical standards to social work research.
4. Identify the core components of a research proposal.
5. Develop a research proposal according to professional guidelines.
6. Demonstrate qualitative and quantitative research methods, including problem formulation, program and practice evaluation, data-collection methods with data sources, statistical concepts and sampling procedures.

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| Mod 1: Intro to SW Research | 1. Identify the 4 principles of SW research. (CLO 1, 5)  
2. Identify types of research conducted in SW. (CLO 4, 5) | • Video: *Introduction to SW Research* (MLO 1, 2)  
• Chapter 1, pages 3-23 (MLO 1, 2)  
• Chapter Reading Guide (MLO 1, 2) | • Introductions Activity  
• Discussion Board #1 (MLO 2)  
• Concepts Quiz #1 (MLO 1) |
| Mod 2: Research Ethics | 1. Explain the reasons for ethical standards in social work research using the Belmont Report and the NASW Code of Ethics. (CLO 3, 5)  
2. Identify types of ethical issues in social work research. (CLO 1, 3)  
3. Recognize ethical issues in social work research studies and make recommendations for improvement. (CLO 3, 5)  
4. Begin applying the principles of research ethics. (CLO 3, 6) | • Chapter 2, pages 24-51 (MLO 1, 2, 3)  
• Chapter Reading Guide (MLO 1, 2, 3)  
• NASW Code of Ethics (MLO 1, 2)  
• Video Commentary: *Navigating Research Ethics* (MLO 1, 2, 4)  
• Video: *Obedience to Authority* (MLO 2, 4)  
• Guidelines for Critiquing Research (MLO 2, 3, 4)  
• Example assignment of critiquing research critique (MLO 2, 3, 4)  
• Research Studies:  
  - *Ethical Dilemmas in SW Research*  
  - *Research Involving Children* | • Discussion Board #2 - Respond to question after viewing *Obedience to Authority* (MLO 2, 4)  
• Writing Assignment - Identify ethical issues in published research studies (MLO 2, 3, 4)  
• Concepts Quiz #2 - auto-graded, low stakes, multiple attempts allowed. (MLO 1, 2)  
• Test #1 – objective (MC) and analysis/open-ended questions (MLO 1, 2, 3, 4) |
| Mod 3: | 1. ... (CLO x)  
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