MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

Faculty is required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Academic Affairs and Standards Council.

DEPT. Philosophy COURSE NUMBER: 2223

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 1

COURSE TITLE: Ethics for Human Services Workers

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Introduces students to how the principles of ethics apply in the human services field. Students will examine two main ethical theories, utilitarian and deontological, as they apply to questions of ethical practice in human services. Students will study the ethical principles of autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice. The focus will be on the application of these theories and principles to specific issues and cases. The course is designed for students intending to major in human services.

AUDIENCE: students majoring in human services

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Area: by meeting the following competencies:
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PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: Philosophy 2201—Introduction to Ethical Theory

LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year fall spring X summer undetermined

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: The academic objectives of this course are:
   a. to apply ethical theories to the ethical principles of beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice, and autonomy in situations common to human services practice.
   b. to become familiar with consumer rights.
   c. to become familiar with counselor responsibilities.
2) THINKING SKILLS: This course will help students improve the effectiveness of their thinking skills through:
   a. completing assigned journal entries.
   b. reading assignments
   c. participating in class discussions
   d. applying principles to specific cases

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: This course will help students improve their oral and written communication skills through:
   a. completing assigned journal entries.
   b. participating in class discussions.

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: This course will help students recognize, understand, and appreciate human diversity through:
   a. discussing multicultural issues which may arise in working with consumers.
   b. reading assigned readings on multicultural perspectives.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:
Ethical Theories  Impact of Values on Practice
Autonomy  Multicultural Issues
Beneficence  Consumer Rights
Nonmaleficence  Counselor Responsibilities
Justice  Confidentiality
Rights  Multiple Relationships

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:
   a. Students should be better able to identify ethical issues which may arise in human services practice.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:
X ☐ Collaborative Learning  ☐ Problem Solving
☐ Student Presentations  ☐ Interactive Lectures
☐ Creative Projects  ☐ Individual Coaching
X ☐ Lecture  ☐ Films/Videos/Slides
☐ Demonstrations  ☐ Other (describe below)
☐ Lab

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:
X ☐ Reading  ☐ Tests  ☐ Individual Projects
☐ Oral Presentations  ☐ Worksheets  ☐ Collaborative Projects
X ☐ Textbook Problems  ☐ Papers  X ☐ Portfolio
EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

a. Students should be better able to identify ethical issues which may arise in human services practice.

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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