Course Title:
Documentation, Legal & Ethical Issues in Community Health Work

Catalog Description:
Documentation, Legal & Ethical Issues in Community Health Work focuses on the legal and ethical dimensions of the Community Health Worker (CHW) role. Professional boundaries, agency policies, confidentiality, liability, mandatory reporting and cultural issues that influence legal and ethical responsibilities will be introduced. Documentation of client visits that meets legal and agency requirements in an appropriate, accurate, thorough manner will be introduced and practiced.

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:
CMHW 1100

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S)
☐ Goal 1: Communication: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 2: Critical Thinking: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 3: Natural Sciences: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 4: Mathematics/Logical Reasoning: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 7: Human Diversity: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 8: Global Perspective: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility: By meeting the following competencies:
☐ Goal 10: People and the Environment: By meeting the following competencies:

Topics to be Covered
Professional Boundaries/Professional Development as a CHW.
CHW Scope of Practice
Policy Manuals
Confidentiality/ HIPAA
Malpractice
Ethics
Domestic violence/Elder Abuse
Mandatory Reporting
SOAP notes
Student Learning Outcomes

Conduct a needs assessment based on identification and evaluation of community resources related to an individual or group’s need.

Demonstrate appropriate written documentation skills.

Recognize and classify ethical concepts of malpractice (liability, negligence, malpractice)

Assess the value of agency policies and recognize confidentiality practices such as the Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPAA).

Define the protocol and process of mandatory reporting.

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes ☐  No ☒

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