Electives Course Descriptions

Fall 2017

SCWK580-001 Violence: Assessment and Intervention - Monday 6:55-9:00 and One Saturday 10/28/17 9:00-5:00
This course examines violence from a multi-systemic perspective including sociopolitical/cultural influences, institutional structures, and family relationships. Students are introduced to a variety of theoretical approaches to understanding violence. Students will learn culturally responsive clinical social work practice skills necessary for interventions that address and prevent violence. This course provides an opportunity for integration of research, theory, policy, and practice. In order to understand more fully avenues for fostering non-violent communities, families, and individuals, the relationship between restorative justice and accountability and the process of survival and healing are explored. The role of power and multiple oppressions in influencing violent behavior is addressed.

SCWK580 – 002 Seminar in Addictions - Monday 6:00-8:40 Elizabeth M. Souffront
This course will introduce the student to the concept of addiction and the different objects of addiction. It will also study the impact of addiction in the family and society. It will prepare the social worker to make informed referrals to treatment and understand evidenced based practices used in addiction treatment. The role of addiction will be explored across racially, socioeconomically and culturally diverse groups.

SCWK580 – 003 Trauma Treatment and Recovery – Wednesday 6:00-8:40 - Elaine M. Fillion-Crouse
This course will present an overview of the progression of theoretical constructs and treatment modalities for persons who experience traumatic life events. We will take an in depth journey into defining trauma, understanding symptoms, exploring resilience, and look at factors that create the likelihood of developing PTSD. Most important we will delve into the most current cutting-edge treatment modalities that can transform victims into survivors. The class format will incorporate discussion of readings, guest speakers, films, case studies, interactive activities and student presentations.