Department:

Sociology

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to the field of social work. The course will cover the history, mission, values, and activities of social work practice. The course will focus on how social workers interact with a diverse client population and contribute to solving social problems. The knowledge and value base of the profession will also be examined.

Course Competencies:

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the generalist view as applied to social work practice.
2. Explain how the concept of advocacy is essential to the central mission of social work.
3. Describe the values and ethics of professional social work practice.
4. Explain the methods of intervention in social work.
5. Describe the impact discrimination has on social work practice.
7. Describe the problem of poverty in the United States.
8. Identify the various areas and settings for social work careers.

Course Content:

A. Social Welfare Past and Present
B. Social Work and Other Helping Professions
C. The Systems and Ecological Perspective
D. Older Adults Needs and Services
E. The Needs of Children, Youth, and Families
F. Social Work with Agencies and the Community
G. General Practice
H. Services to Children, Youth, and Families
I. Diversity and Social Justice
J. Social Work in the Work Place
K. Income Assistance, Poverty, and Homelessness
L. Criminal and Juvenile Justice
M. The Globalization of Social Work
N. Social Work in Rural Settings
Learning Assessments:

Course competencies will be assessed by use of quizzes, exams, class discussion, class exercises, reading and writing assignments, and group activities.

Instructional Materials:


Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on Documented Disability or Medical Condition

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students must complete the “Disabilities Self-Identification Form” at this link: https://highlandcc.edu/pages/disability-services.

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.