



COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE: SWK 115 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

HOURS: Lecture: 2 Lab/Shop: 2 Work Exp/Clinical: 0 Credits: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces community resources essential to social work practice. Emphasis is placed on awareness of and interaction with community service personnel. Upon completion, students should be able to identify resources and assess critical community needs.

PREREQUISITE(S): NONE

COREQUISITE(S): NONE

TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

1. Associate general sociological principles that are reflected in local community resources
2. Describe a community from a sociological perspective and explain how community resources are impacted by economics and politics. Define community organization and describe community organization and development processes.
3. List ways to locate and deliver community resources to a diverse client population. Employing sensitivity to culture and how the differences in cultural norms relate to how clients and receive community resources. Distinguish between geographic and interest communities.
4. Apply a referral process to broker community resources from a variety of human service agencies. Describe the different roles a change agent can play and show how community change fits with professional human service, public health, or social work.
5. Discuss the importance of fundraising and the recruitment of volunteers as an integral and pivotal part of providing needed community resources. Apply methods for raising money and other resources.
6. Explain the role of advocacy, case management, counseling, consultation, outreach efforts and prevention play in planning, preparing, implementing, and maintaining human service programs and delivering community resources. Apply methods to produce legislative change.
7. Identify and differentiate the various means tests utilized by a variety of governmental, faith-based and other non-profit agencies allocate community resources. Analyze a human service organization and utilize opportunities and methods for promoting change.
8. Describe and distinguish how one's values may impact the allocation of community resources. Describe the different roles a change agent can play and show how community change fits with professional human service, public health, or social work.

*****Please refer to the online version of the Richmond Community College Program & Course Catalog and the Student Handbook for current academic and general information.**