Division: Science/Mathematics  Area: Social Work
Course Number: SWK 106  Course Name: Child Welfare
Prerequisite: RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying score on ACT or COMPASS tests
Corequisite: NONE
Hours Required: Class: 45  Lab: 0  Credits: 3 (three)

Course Description/Purpose

This course is designed to introduce the student to the broad field of child welfare. Topics include the history of child welfare, the role of private and government agencies, legal aspects of child welfare and case planning and investigation.

Major Units

• Introduction
• History of Child Welfare
• Private and Government Agencies
• Legal Aspects of Child Welfare
• Case Planning
• Investigation

Educational/Course Outcomes

Student learning will be assessed by a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, quizzes and tests, journals, essays, papers, projects, laboratory/clinical exercises and examinations, presentations, simulations, portfolios, homework assignments, and instructor observations.

Cognitive Each student will be expected to Identify/Recognize . . .

• and gain a perspective into changing family life and its implications on child rearing;
• the jurisdiction and procedures of the Juvenile Court;
• the effect of government policy on family values;
• and become familiar with the legal aspects of child welfare; foster care;
• and become familiar with the daily activities of child welfare agencies;
• and understand case planning: initial, investigative, and intervention;
• categorical programs targeted toward child and family welfare;
• case involvement: information gathering, writing goals, client support.

Performance Each student will be expected to Demonstrate/Practice . . .

• and discuss issues in child welfare, such as permanency planning, para-professional training, and family privacy rights.

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