### Outline of Instruction

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<td>Course Number:</td>
<td>SWK 151</td>
<td>Course Name:</td>
<td>Introduction to Social Services</td>
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**Course Description/Purpose**

This course is intended to present an overview of the field of social work. The student will develop an understanding and beginning knowledge of what social work entails. Included will be the gamut of roles available to social work in a variety of different settings—schools, hospitals, mental health centers, and social service agencies—all of which require different educational backgrounds. This course will focus on the needs and problems of clients (defined as individuals, families, groups and community); the variety of methods used to help solve these problems; the social, cultural, political, and economic values which affect these needs; and problem solving.

**Major Units**

- Introduction to Social Services
- Methods of Problem Solving
- Fields of Practice for Social Work
- Social Issues Effecting Social Work Practice
- Career Planning

**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 develop an understanding and beginning knowledge of what social work is;
- what social welfare programs are, and gain understanding of the cultural, political, and economic factors which affect those programs;
- the various settings where social work is practiced, both public and private;
- and understand the social work profession which includes various settings, and the variety of educational requirements necessary to practice social work;
- the funding sources of different agencies, both public and private, and the impact of economic cycles on both the needs of service and delivery;
- the burden of responsibility which the social worker has when it comes to making decisions about people’s lives, including the impact that these decisions will have;
- how one’s own value system influences professional performance and decisions;
- the range of settings, along with the variety of methods which may be deployed, in which social work is practiced.

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