

Notre Dame de Namur University
Human Services HS100
Introduction to Human Services

Instructor Information

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Course Description

This course covers all aspects of Human Services and will give the student an overview of the industry. Careers in specific fields in the industry will also be discussed. The main focus will be social welfare, public health, and medical.

Course Objectives

1. Students will be able to recognize and understand the variety of jobs that are linked to the helping profession.
2. Students will be able to determine the interconnectedness involving human services organizations.
3. Students will be able to identify components of human services in most employee settings.
4. Students will be able to understand the role of human services in society.

Textbook

Marianne Schneider Corey & Gerald Corey, Becoming a Helper.

Class Format and Tasks

The class format is tailored towards blending the textbook to Human Services with real world applications. Handouts supplementing the textbook, concentrations with guest speakers, lecture, film, field trips, and development of current issues in the field will be the main focus.

Heavy emphasis is placed on student involvement. Discussions and exercises will be designed to integrate the student's experience to the specific applications being presented.

Due to the nature of the seven-week class, the course will require augmenting the basic course material. Feedback, mid-term project, reaction papers, presentations in class, and the final examination will be the integral parts to measure progress and attainment of class objectives.

Additionally, each student will be expected to give an oral and written presentation at the mid-term. A final examination will be given, which will represent a comprehensive composite of both the text and lectures during the course.

Attendance Policy

The nature of the Intensive Program requires a more stringent absence policy, and a student who misses more than one class or its equivalent must withdraw from the class.

IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE, REGULAR CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION ARE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE COURSE.

Learning Accommodations

Students who have any documented situation, which might affect their performance in this class, are encouraged to discuss it with the instructor.