

School of Social Work
Bridgewater State University
Fall 2011 Electives

SCWK 580-001 (CRN: 91372) Children in Schools
Monday 6:00-8:40 PM K. Liatsos

This course is designed to provide social work students with the essential knowledge and clinical skills necessary to work with young children (preschool through grade 6). Special emphasis is placed on the significance of the social worker's relationship with the public school, whether employed within the public school or as a clinician working in another agency. Current information about the influence of the earliest relationships on emotional and social development will be discussed and will include topics such as attachment theory, children's ways of knowing, and the effects of trauma on the neurobiological development of children. The impact of these issues on children's capacities to learn will be discussed within the context of a diverse population. Students will understand the significance of evidence-based practice as they examine various treatment models and become familiar with assessment and intervention strategies used in schools such as functional behavioral assessments and behavioral intervention plans. Students will study the special needs process, wraparound philosophy, strategies for engaging and supporting families and accessing community resources. Finally, they will explore potential leadership roles as facilitators of research-based social competency and preventive programs, with the goal of reaching a large number of children in the school community.

SCWK 580-005 (CRN 91340) and SCWK 399-002 (CRN 91339)
Trauma, Treatment and Recovery
Monday 3:15-5:50 PM E. Fillion-Crouse

This course will present an overview of the progression of theoretical constructs and treatment modalities for persons who experience traumatic life events. We will take an in depth journey into defining trauma, understanding symptoms, exploring resilience, and look at factors that create the likelihood of developing PTSD. Most important we will delve into the most current cutting edge treatment modalities that can transform victims into survivors. The class format will incorporate discussion of readings, guest speakers, films, case studies, interactive activities and student presentations.

SCWK 580-003 (CRN 91374) Social Work Practice with Veterans & Their Families
Tuesday 6:55- 9:00 PM **G. Hogan**

It is vital that social workers are prepared and understand the unique needs of Veterans and military culture. This elective class will provide social workers with an exciting and broad overview of Veterans, military culture, services as well as special populations.

We will start with reviewing the five military branches and their functions, exploring different war time era Veterans including Vietnam and OEF/OIF, and move on to topics to include eligibility for services and pre- and post-deployment adjustment related issues, practice with military families including the demands of service on the family dynamics, TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury), Serious Mental Illness, homelessness, substance abuse, incarcerated Veterans, research and Veteran related initiatives. This class will include many avenues for learning including visiting presenters, videos and case presentations.

SCWK 580-004 (CRN 91375) Clinical Methods/Psychodrama & Play w/ Individuals and Groups
Wednesday 6:55-9:00 PM **N. Zinger**

PSYCHODRAMA is a strengths-based therapy that engages clients in action to strengthen self image, improve relationships, and enhance interpersonal skills. It has been used by social workers, psychologists and counselors around the world in a variety of clinical settings. In this class students will learn to use role playing and action methods in both individual and group formats. The course will include theory, practice and essential techniques.