

SOCW 2389 Academic Cooperative




Course Syllabus: FALL 2024


“Northeast Texas Community College exists to provide personal, dynamic learning experiences empowering students to succeed.”

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This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.

Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.

Course Description: A supervised experiential learning course designed to integrate program study with introductory exposure to the field of social work. In conjunction with individual study and/or seminars, the student will set specific goals and objectives in the study of social work and/or social institutions. Three credit hours.

Prerequisite(s): 2361

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Articulate elements of the social agency's structure.
2. Summarize the agency's delivery of services.
3. Describe the delivery of services in relation to the agency's mission statement.
4. Explain how the agency meets the needs of the populations served.
5. Describe how the agency's services support the mission of social work, including diversity, social work values and reflect on value conflicts in the practice setting justice, and equity.
6. Evaluate the learning experience in the context of professional goals.
7. Evaluate the learning experience in the context of personal goals.
8. Describe how a social worker enhances/could enhance service delivery within the organization.
9. Identify personal and social work values and reflect on value conflicts in the practice setting.

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

Observation hours	200 points
Portfolio	100 points
NUMIA Labs	100 points
Discussions	100 points

Total Possible

500 points

Grading and evaluation--In general, a course grade of a "C" represents an acceptable level of work. A course grade of "B" represents a substantial effort and achievement. It is clearly a grade for the better than average product and effort. An "A" is awarded only in the case of both outstanding efforts and quality in the required products. The grades will be awarded on the following basis:

A = 90% to 100% of possible points

B = 80% to 89% of possible points

C = 70% to 79% of possible points

D = 60% to 69% of possible points

F = 59% and below of possible points

A grade of incomplete ("X") will not be given unless the student contacts the instructor to make special arrangements for making up required work. Only emergency situation that prohibit the student from completing the course as planned will warrant consideration of the grade of "X".

Required Instructional Materials: Choosing Civility

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Optional Instructional Materials: None

Minimum Technology Requirements:

Below are some technical requirements for using Blackboard that will help your experience in this course. You will see the NTCC Tech Support email address and phone number below. Please contact them if you run into any technical problems during the semester. Please let your instructor know you are having difficulties as well. If you need further NTCC technical support services please contact IT at IT@ntcc.edu or 903.434.8140.

Blackboard will work on both a Mac and a PC. (Chrome Books are known to have issues with Blackboard.) It is best to access Blackboard through Fire-Fox or Chrome as your web browser. If you have trouble with any of the activities working improperly, you might change your web browser as your first solution. The Default Browser in Windows 10 is Edge. This browser does not do well with Blackboard! If you will go to Windows Accessories you will find Internet Explorer still on your computer, but is not your default browser. If you have any difficulties navigating with Edge, close it and go to Internet Explorer. You can download Blackboard Student for your smart phone from the Play store or the App store. More information is available for Technology Requirements and Support under the Student Resources – Technical Support Tab in Blackboard.

Required Computer Literacy Skills:

As an online student you will have a much different "classroom" experience than a traditional student. In order to ensure that you are fully prepared for your online courses, following is a list of expectations and requirements: Students in a hybrid and/or on-line program should be comfortable with and possess the following skill sets: 1. Self-discipline 2. Problem solving skills 3. Critical thinking skills 4. Enjoy communication in the written word. As part of your online experience, you can expect to utilize a variety of technology mediums as part of your curriculum: Communicate via email including sending attachments, Navigate the World Wide Web using a Web browser such as Internet Explorer, use office

applications such as Microsoft Office (or similar) to create documents. Be willing to learn how to communicate using a discussion board and upload assignments to a classroom Web site. Be comfortable uploading and downloading saved files. Have easy access to the Internet. Navigate Blackboard, including using the email component within Blackboard. Instructions and tutorials for this are provided in your course. For more information or technical assistance on using the Learning Management System, please refer to the Home Page, Orientation Module, in the important technical requirement, information and support folder on Blackboard.

Course Structure and Overview:

This is a online class which means class meets once a week and all other instruction is done online via the learning management system BLACKBOARD. In class meetings will be reserved for lecture, speaking activities/drills and speech presentations. Students are expected to complete all the readings of the required e-book chapters, watch the instructional videos and complete the online chapter activities. You will see that the course is divided into 16 weeks in the Blackboard portion. Each week you will be expected to complete certain online assignments for the chapters found in that week's folder. This course requires daily computer and internet access. You should expect to spend no less than 3-6 hours a week in this course. Pay close attention to deadlines for all assignments. Assignments will not be accepted late! Technical difficulties are no excuse for late assignments. **YOU CANNOT PASS THIS COURSE WITHOUT COMPLETING THE ONLINE PORTION!** In class participation is an essential element in this course. Each student will be expected to participate in speaking drills/activities which will occur during class time. These activities will allow students to sharpen their presentations and enhance delivery skills.

Assignments:

All written assignments should be typed (12-point font), double-spaced, with one inch margins, a title page and stapled. Students are encouraged to submit written work that has been spell-checked and is free of grammatical errors. Students are expected to use APA style when citing reference materials. Students are advised that points will be deducted if these criteria are not met.

OBSERVATION HOURS:

GRADING: 200 POINTS

Experiential Learning course is designed to allow students to integrate their knowledge and program study with hands-on exposure to social work. Through guided field experiences and reflective practice, students will gain a foundational understanding of the role of social workers, the various practice settings, and the essential skills required to engage effectively with individuals, families, and communities. This course bridges classroom learning and real-world practice, allowing students to apply their knowledge, develop critical skills, and cultivate a professional identity as social workers. Students are required to complete 48 experiential learning hours.

This course is embedded into the NTCC CARE Center operations, including the Eagle Food Pantry. Students must volunteer at least 20 hours in the CARE CENTER, with at least 8 of those hours at the food pantry. In addition, students will lead a campus activity and engage in professional development and workshops. **If you have unique circumstances, please contact the Professor at the beginning of the course.**

DIGITAL PORTFOLIO

GRADING: 100 POINTS

In this assignment, you will create a comprehensive digital portfolio that showcases your experiential learning journey in the field of social work. Your portfolio will highlight your hands-on experiences,

reflections, growth, and contributions to real-world social work settings. This portfolio will demonstrate your practical skills and reflect your understanding of social work principles and ethical considerations. GUIDELINES ARE PROVIDED IN COURSE RESOURCE FOLDER.

DISCUSSION BOARDS/ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

GRADING: 100 POINTS

5 DISCUSSIONS – 2- POINTS EACH

Discussions/Activities is where we will assess your participation, whether you are an online or face-to-face learner. You are expected to be an active and engaged class member throughout the semester.

Discussions/Activities are a way to exchange ideas and learn from your peers. Each student is expected to participate in the discussions/activities fully. It could involve summarizing articles, responding to questions from the text, or viewing and commenting on streaming videos. There will be a minimum of 5 discussions at 20 points each.

To receive credit, you must post your response to the posted discussion board questions by Thursday at midnight. In addition, you must post a response to another peer's post by Sunday at midnight.

Your grade on the discussion board is based on participation. Each discussion board assignment is worth 10 points. However, to receive full credit for these posts, you must fulfill some basic requirements: - After posting your answer to the question, you are expected to respond to a minimum of one other peer in the class. Initial posts should be a minimum of 75 words, and a response at a minimum of 50 words. All posts should be relevant to the topic being discussed but should also attempt to introduce a new point of view or piece of information or otherwise further the discussion. Posts should use correct grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary appropriate for a college-level course. Misuse of the discussion boards will not be accepted.

NUMIA LABS

GRADING: 100 POINTS

5 LABS – 20 POINTS EACH

NUMIA labs are an immersive Learning Experience that bridges concepts and skills in Real-World scenarios, an innovative approach to education beyond traditional classroom learning. It allows students to engage in hands-on, experiential learning within real-world settings, resulting in increased student engagement, learning, and reflection on practice. This immersive learning experience allows students to acquire and apply knowledge in practical, real-world scenarios. These immersive experiences include roleplaying, scenarios, field immersion, service learning projects, case studies, gamification, experimental workshops, reflective journals and/or blogs, multimedia presentations, interdisciplinary collaboration, and cultural immersion.

Communications:

Emails will be responded to with 24 hours. If you do not receive a response within 24 hours, then the email was not received. Posts in the Discussion Forum "Questions, Comments, and/or Concerns?" will be monitored by the instructor. Responses by the instructor will be within 72 hours of post. The college's official means of communication is via your campus email address. I will use your campus email address and Blackboard to communicate with you outside of class. Make sure you keep your campus email cleaned out and below the limit so you can receive important messages. In addition, I use the REMIND App to get information out to students quickly. This will enable you to receive important class announcements and reminders from me via text message so that you will not miss out on any assignment changes or important updates. Please continue to check your NTCC email daily. If you do

not own a cell phone, you can receive these same reminders through your email... the instructions are also in the PDF.

Institutional/Course Policy:

No late work will be accepted without prior approval by the instructor. Students are always expected to be respectful toward classmates and professor! Review Student Conduct in the Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to check Blackboard for important information/announcements regarding the course. Students should be working on course material via Blackboard every week. Do not wait until the last minute to complete and submit assignments in case of technology issues.

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure and/or Alternate Course Delivery Requirements

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Northeast Texas Community College to move to altered operations. During this time, Northeast Texas Community College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to, online through the Blackboard Learning Management System, online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor NTCC's website

(<http://www.ntcc.edu/>) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, Blackboard for each class for course specific communication, and NTCC email for important general information.

Additionally, there may be instances where a course may not be able to be continued in the same delivery format as it originates (face-to-face, fully online, live remote, or hybrid). Should this be the case, every effort will be made to continue instruction in an alternative delivery format. Students will be informed of any changes of this nature through email messaging and/or the Blackboard course site.

NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

Artificial Intelligence Statement:

Individual instructors may allow or disallow any use of AI software for coursework. It is the student's responsibility to follow any AI classroom policy and the course's guidelines set forth by the instructor. Integrating AI into the course can undoubtedly bring numerous benefits and advancements. However, any use of AI software must be cited, or it could constitute academic dishonesty (plagiarism). Recognizing the potential risks and ensuring that AI technologies are implemented responsibly and ethically is crucial. Students are fully accountable and responsible for any content, AI or non-AI, used in an assignment that is submitted. If any student has any questions surrounding the use of AI, please reach out to the instructor.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodations. An appointment can be made with the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in

Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.

Student Social Support Resources:

At Northeast Texas Community College, we understand that students may encounter challenges that can create barriers to success. If you need support or guidance, NTCC offers Eagle Assist—a comprehensive hub where you can access resources beyond the classroom. Services available through Eagle Assist include classroom accommodations, mental health counseling, tutoring, the CARE Center, financial literacy, and emergency assistance. NTCC is committed to alleviating barriers and fostering student success, regardless of your lived experiences. To access these services, please email eagleassist@ntcc.edu. Additionally, if you need further community resources, please visit www.ntcc.edu/carecenter