Description of Graduate Courses Open to Non-Degree Students: Summer 2019

Social Welfare Policy and Services (SSW 600), 3 credits
Two sections of this course are offered, one during the first half of the summer and the other during the second half. This is a required course for the MSW degree. There is no prerequisite for this course.

This course offers an introduction to the analysis of social policies and programs. Based upon frameworks of policy dimension, values, and knowledge, selected social policies are examined within an historical and contemporary context. The principles of social and economic justice are used in analyzing social policies and programs. Attention is given to the differential impact of these policies and services on at-risk and oppressed populations.

Introductory Research Methodology (SSW 660), 3 credits
Two sections of this course are offered, one during the first half of the summer and the other during the second half. This is a required course for the MSW degree. There is no prerequisite for this course.

This course provides an introduction to research methods in social work and includes content on defining social work research problems, developing and testing hypotheses, the logic of causal inference, sampling, measurement (including reliability and validity), basic skills in data analysis and research utilization, the ethics of research, and research issues concerning human diversity. Methods and content relevant to social work practice and the problems of social welfare are emphasized.

Solution Focused Treatment (SSW 705 (2323)), 3 credit
There is no prerequisite for this course.

Students will learn to conduct solution oriented treatment in a wide array of situations. This course focuses on skills including conducting a solution /strengths based assessment, eliciting client’s strengths, asking the “miracle question” to facilitate goal formulation, exploring exceptions to presenting concerns, scaling progress, integrating a session break, providing tasks and negotiating the length of treatment. This class will cover work with mandated clients, group treatment, problems of sexual abuse, high risk families, suicidal statements and school difficulties as well as emphasis on making the most effective use of each client contact, working with limited resources, coordinating with other disciplines and working with managed care.