Course Prefix and Number: HUMS 105

Course Title: Introduction to Human Services

Number of: Credit Hours: 3  Lecture Hours: 3  Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: Introduction to the profession, practice and career options of Human Services. Offered Fall and Spring.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): None.

Text(s): Most recent editions of the following:


Textbook listed is not necessarily the textbook used in the course. Textbook chosen should include theory and technique appropriate for baccalaureate level practice.

Course Objectives:
- To explore the definition, purpose and role of Human Services.
- To explore the career and practice options available in Human Services.
- To understand how to work within a human services agency and with various other outside systems on behalf of clients.
- To explore models of human service delivery.

Measurable Learning Outcomes:
- Explain the various definitions of Human Services.
- Explain and apply the ethical standards for Human Service professionals.
- Analyze and compare the different models of Human Service delivery.
- Understand the helping process.
- Explain the role of the Human Services professional within an agency.
- Understand the various career and practice options available within the profession of Human Services.
- Write a properly formatted APA paper.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):
- Themes and Purpose of Human Services
- Roles of the Human Service Professional
- International dimensions and context of Human Services practice
- Activities of the Human Services Professional
- Early history of Human Services
- Human Services in Colonial America
• Modern historical trends and focus of Human Services
• Human Services with diverse populations
• Managed Care
• Medical Model
• Public Health Model
• Human Service Model
• Perception, definition, and understanding client problems
• Clients as individuals, groups and populations
• Motivations for choosing a helping profession
• Human Service Roles
• The Helping Process
• Working within a system
• The agency and community environment
• Code of Ethics for Human Services
• Competence and Responsibility
• Confidentiality, client rights and ethical decision-making
• Writing in APA style

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 35

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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