

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES (CSS)

FCSS*1000 Social Work in Canada Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This interdisciplinary course examines the social welfare institutions in the context of professional values and ethics of the social service professions. This course introduces first year students to the purpose, value base, principles, settings, and methods of social work practice. Students have the opportunity to explore their own personal values in the context of social work and the broader society.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*1010 Social Issues and Social Environments Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course provides students with the contexts necessary to see the presenting problems of clients within the larger social issues facing society and offers an overview of methodologies utilized by social service professionals in addressing both individual and social issues. It provides students with a basic framework in which to view and understand social problems, their causes, their relationship to particular groups and sub-populations, and potential solutions.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*1020 Interpersonal Communication Skills Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course is designed to introduce students to the communication process that characterizes the human-services field: effective written, spoken, and non-verbal communications linked to efficiency and effectiveness in the context of social service work. This course analyzes the factors that influence the ways in which clients and workers send and receive verbal and non-verbal messages and the causes of ineffective communication. It also considers issues of power in language, including sexism, racism, homophobia, etc.

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*1030 Issues in Advocacy and Social Justice Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

Advocacy and social justice are foundational elements of social work. Social work practice often involves advocating for individuals, groups, and communities in myriad issues related to social justice that aim to promote positive change. This course introduces students to theory and practice related to advocacy and social justice with diverse client populations at an individual, community, and global level.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): AHSS*1190

Restriction(s): AHSS*1200

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*1210 CSS Writing & Communication Skills Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course will help Community Social Service students to develop basic university writing and case documentation skills for successful application in their CSS curriculum coursework as well as after graduation. The course introduces students to different voices of writing, along with a solid foundation in grammar. Specific to the social services field, the course provides a unique focus on discipline-relevant competencies, including proper APA usage, case note and grant proposal writing, working within groups, and making effective oral presentations. Students will find the skills they develop in this course to be useful in many other relevant CSS courses that require various aptitudes in conducting research, essay writing, collaborative assignments, and/or making presentations.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Restriction(s): AHSS*1210, AHSS*1290, JUST*1210, PSYC*1210.

Registration in the BASC.FCSS or the BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2000 Counselling I: Theory and Practice Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This is the first of two courses designed to provide the student with the theory and skills to provide appropriate counselling services to clients. The course will provide students an opportunity to develop and practice counselling skills through the counselling seminars as well as introducing students to a number of counselling theories and their application in the field.

Prerequisite(s): 4.00 credits or FCSS*1020

Restriction(s): FCSS*2070. Registration in the BASC.FCSS, BASC.CSS and BASC.JS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2010 Working with High Risk Populations Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

Disadvantaged people often face personal and structural issues that place them at high risk of harm, hospitalization, or death. Using an empowerment approach which emphasizes the perspective of clients, learners develop effective means of working with people with psychiatric labels, developmental disabilities, older adults, survivors of domestic violence and child abuse and early trauma, those struggling with addictions and eating disorders, and individuals labelled as having cognitive disabilities.

Prerequisite(s): 3.00 credits including FCSS*1010

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2020 Introduction to Field Practicum Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course prepares students for the expectations associated with field practica, including those of the program, the agencies and the professional college. Students will become familiar with the organization of the field practicum sequence and the documentation, policies and procedures connected to the evaluation and monitoring of field practice. This is a pre-requisite for Field Practicum.

Prerequisite(s): 3.00 credits from FCSS or CSS including FCSS*1020

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2030 Child and Adolescent Development Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course examines psychosocial development in middle childhood and adolescence, emphasizing biological, cognitive, social, and emotional changes. Emphasis is placed on integrating theories and concepts for practical application within family, school, peer, and community contexts.

Prerequisite(s): 1.00 credits

Restriction(s): AHSS*2040, ECS*1050, ECS*2030, PSYC*1130.

Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2040 Foundation Practicum I Winter Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 7) [0.50]

In this seminar and supervised field placement where students have the opportunity to take part in the day-to-day operations of a social services agency. Students will work under the direct supervision of a professional staff person, have the opportunity to observe social services procedures and practices, and may take part in serving clients with direction from agency staff.

Prerequisite(s): (FCSS*2000 or FCSS*2070), FCSS*2020

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program with a minimum cumulative average of 60% is required to register.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2060 Group Work: Theory and Practice Winter Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 1) [0.50]

This course will provide the student with the opportunity to develop the self-awareness, knowledge and skills necessary to work effectively with small groups. The course will focus on the dynamics of group development and behaviours, and the facilitating role of workers in various therapeutic and support groups. Students will study a variety of theoretical approaches to group counselling, and will practice group facilitation skills through experiential exercises in the lab.

Prerequisite(s): FCSS*2000 or FCSS*2070

Restriction(s): FCSS*3010

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2070 Counselling Foundations Fall Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 1) [0.50]

This course introduces students to the core philosophies and practices that inform counselling. Based on the tenets of experiential learning, students will be immersed in the cyclical learning process of acting, observing, and reflecting. Under the consistent supervision of the course instructor, students will explore the roles of counsellor, and client, and use deep individual and group reflection on these experiences to create authentic learning outcomes.

Prerequisite(s): 4.00 credits or FCSS*1020

Restriction(s): FCSS*2000. Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*2080 Mental Health and Addictions Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course introduces theoretical and practical perspectives on the co-occurrence of mental health challenges and substance addiction. Students will explore mental health and drug/alcohol usage policy and law, learn about mental health and substance abuse assessment, diagnosis, and treatment approaches, develop an awareness of relevant pharmacological issues and the effects of misusing certain stimulants and drugs, and gain an understanding of the nature of concurrent disorders with various populations.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 3.00 credits

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*3010 Working With Groups: Theory and Practice Winter Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 1) [0.50]

This course will provide the student with the opportunity to develop the self-awareness, knowledge and skills necessary to work effectively with small groups. The course will focus on the dynamics of group development and behaviours, and the facilitating role of workers in task, therapeutic and maintenance groups. Students will study a variety of theoretical approaches to group counselling, and will practice group facilitation skills through experiential exercises in the lab.

Prerequisite(s): 7.50 credits

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*3020 Diversity in Social Work Practice Fall and Winter (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course explores the full spectrum of issues related to diversity in the provision of social services. It offers students the opportunity to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to function in social service settings characterized by diversity.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 7.50 credits

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*3040 Counselling: Advanced Practice Fall and Winter (LEC: 2, LAB: 1) [0.50]

This course builds on the students' essential counselling experiences and knowledge, demonstrating how these foundational learnings inform and enhance the utilization of approach-specific counselling practices. Students' theoretical learning will be integrated with intensive experiential counselling opportunities presented in a lab format and supervised by the course instructor.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): (FCSS*2000 or FCSS*2070), (FCSS*2060 or FCSS*3010)

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*3060 Crisis Intervention: Theory and Practice Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course provides the student with the theory and practical skills that will be needed to effectively intervene with clients who are experiencing crisis. The course will focus on crisis theory and crisis intervention methods, with particular emphasis on crisis intervention in the context of families. A developmental-ecological perspective is employed in the discussion of course content.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 7.50 credits

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*3100 Social Work Practice with Older Adults Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course examines social work practice concerning the needs of older adults. Social service workers and social workers are being increasingly called upon to meet the biopsychosocial needs of older adults. This responsibility includes assessing the elderly client's functional capacity and often connecting them with appropriate community resources. In this course, students will learn the basics of assessment and strategic interventions with the elderly. This course prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and sensitivity to work with, and on behalf of this growing population, and the related social service systems.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): AHSS*2080

Equate(s): AHSS*3040

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*3120 Intermediate Practicum I Fall Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 15) [1.00]

This is a seminar and supervised field placement in a community or social service agency providing students with an in-depth experience of front-line work in a human services agency under direct supervision. Students develop work habits such as serving clients effectively, which make them an asset to the agency, and how to navigate moral, ethical, clinical, and political issues as they emerge in their placements. Students work as part of a team, and learn how to effectively use supervision.

Prerequisite(s): AHSS*2080, FCSS*2040

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program with a minimum cumulative average of 60%.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*3130 Intermediate Practicum II Winter Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 15) [1.00]

This course is a seminar and supervised field placement in a community or social service agency providing students with an in-depth experience of front-line work in a human services agency under direct supervision. Students develop work habits such as serving clients effectively, which make them an asset to the agency, and how to navigate moral, ethical, clinical, and political issues as they emerge in their placements. Students work as part of a team, and learn how to effectively use supervision. Agency field supervisors and faculty advisors may raise professional, ethical, attitudinal, and practical issues which they consider to be important for students to address.

Prerequisite(s): FCSS*3120

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program with a minimum cumulative average of 60% required to register.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4000 Family Theory and Therapy Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course examines the major theoretical frameworks and family therapy models guiding research and practice relating to families today. It prepares students to use theory as a tool for better understanding and explaining family process and develops the critical thinking skills necessary to critique, evaluate, and integrate these theoretical frameworks and therapy models. This course also places a heavy emphasis on integrating theory with practice and requires that students routinely apply and integrate major theoretical frameworks and family therapy models to specific and contemporary family issues.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 12.50 credits including: AHSS*2090

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4010 Agency Administration and Community Relations Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course presents students with the information and skills to assume financial responsibility for an agency budget, administer an agency office, and develop and prepare a major grant proposal. The course also examines the agency's presence within the community. It also surveys the current funding structure in Canada, emphasizing access to corporate, government and foundation funders.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 12.50 credits

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4030 Social Work and the Law Fall Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

Using a case study approach this course provides students with an understanding of the role of the law in social work practice, and is designed to equip them with sufficient knowledge of the law to assist them in their roles as advocates or case managers. The course will also cover specific legislation including the Mental Health Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act and Income Assistance Legislation. The course will outline the rights and obligations as defined by the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Workers.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 12.50 credits

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4040 Empowerment Oriented Case Management Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course provides students with the skills required to promote the effective integration of disadvantaged people into the mainstream of community life using an empowerment approach. Students learn about empowerment-oriented case management practice, risks of not practicing according to the empowerment model, key empowerment philosophies, and their applications to practice, and legal and ethical issues that have a direct impact on how case management is practiced.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 10.00 credits

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4060 Family Mediation and Conflict Resolution Winter Only (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course focuses on the theories, skills and techniques used to reach resolution in a variety of family conflict situations. Overviews of contemporary developments in the theory and practice of mediation are discussed. Students also examine different perspectives on conflict and strategies for resolving conflict, specifically within the family context. Through lectures, group work and role plays, students study the fundamental principles of negotiation, mediation and conflict resolution. Students have the opportunity to reflect on their own style of conflict resolution and the relevance of course material to their own lives.

Offering(s): Also offered through Distance Education format.

Prerequisite(s): 12.50 credits including: FCSS*3040, FCSS*4000

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4120 Advanced Practicum I Fall Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 15) [1.00]

This course is a seminar and supervised field placement in a community or social service agency providing students with an in-depth experience of front-line work in a human services agency under direct supervision. Students develop work habits such as serving clients effectively, which make them an asset to the agency, and how to navigate moral, ethical, clinical, and political issues as they emerge in their placements. Students work as part of a team, and learn how to effectively use supervision. Agency field supervisors and faculty advisors may raise professional, ethical, attitudinal, and practical issues which they consider to be important for students to address.

Prerequisite(s): 12.50 credits including: FCSS*3020, FCSS*3060, FCSS*3130

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program with a minimum cumulative average of 60%.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4130 Advanced Practicum II Winter Only (LEC: 2, LAB: 15) [1.00]

This course is a seminar and supervised field placement in a community or social service agency providing students with an in-depth experience of front-line work in a human services agency under direct supervision. Students develop work habits such as serving clients effectively, which make them an asset to the agency, and how to navigate moral, ethical, clinical, and political issues as they emerge in their placements. Students work as part of a team, and learn how to effectively use supervision. Agency field supervisors and faculty advisors may raise professional, ethical, attitudinal, and practical issues which they consider to be important for students to address.

Prerequisite(s): 15.00 credits including: FCSS*4120

Restriction(s): Registration in the BASC.FCSS or BASC.CSS program with a minimum cumulative average of 60%.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus

FCSS*4900 Independent Study in Family & Community Summer, Fall, and Winter (LEC: 3) [0.50]

This course is designed to provide senior undergraduate students with an opportunity to pursue library or field research under faculty supervision and to prepare a research report or literature review. Formal agreement between the student and the faculty supervisor is required, as is approval of the program head.

Prerequisite(s): 15.00 credits and 75% grade point average

Restriction(s): Instructor consent required.

Department(s): Community Social Services

Location(s): Guelph-Humber Campus