

LEARNING GOALS AND OUTCOMES FOR SOWK 4460 Grief and Loss

Course Description

This course will prepare students to work with clients experiencing grief and loss issues stemming from a variety of loss experiences including death, physical health changes, trauma, and life transitions. The philosophical, cultural, medical, psychological, and spiritual aspects of grieving and loss will be covered. The grief process and factors to consider in working with children, adolescents, and adults will be covered as well as assessment of complicated grief reactions.

Note: Per accreditation standards, Social Work course syllabi reflect the specific Educational Policy & Accreditation Standard (EPAS) competency and practice behavior which each course objective addresses.

Objective 1: Increase awareness of how personal and professional attitudes may influence the effectiveness of grief work with clients.

Outcome 1: Students will increase awareness of personal and professional attitudes about death, loss and separation which may influence the effectiveness of social work practice. (Relates to EPAS Competency 1b,c,e & 2a,b,c)

Measures/Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- In-Class and Homework Activities
- Exams
- Project Presentation

Objective 2: Increase knowledge of the impact of loss experiences through the lifespan.

Outcome 2: Students will demonstrate knowledge of the impact of death and loss experiences through the ages and stages of life. (Relates to EPAS Competency 7a,b)

Measures/Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- In-Class and Homework Activities
- Exams
- Project Presentation

Objective 3: Understand philosophical, cultural, medical, psychological and spiritual aspects of grief and loss.

Outcome 3: Students will demonstrate understanding of the philosophical, cultural, medical, psychological and spiritual aspects of grieving and loss. (Relates to EPAS Competencies 4b,c,d & 7a,b)

Measures/Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- In-Class and Homework Activities
- Exams
- Project Presentation

Objective 4: Understand social policy and ethical issues related to loss issues.

Outcome 4: Students will demonstrate understanding of social policy and ethical issues related to the needs of dying and grieving persons, particularly within oppressed and vulnerable populations. (Relates to EPAS Competency 5b,c)

Measures/Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- In-Class and Homework Activities
- Exams
- Project Presentation

Objective 5: Increase practice skills with client systems experiencing loss issues.

Outcome 5: Students will demonstrate skills in engagement, assessment, intervention and evaluation with client systems experiencing grief and loss issues. (Relates to EPAS Competency 10a-d)

Measures/Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

- In-Class and Homework Activities
- Exams
- Project Presentation