

LEARNING GOALS AND OUTCOMES FOR SOWK 4487 - Child Welfare Issues

* EPAS Competency notations refers to specific outcome and practice behavior as specified by the Social Work Program accrediting body-Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) in the Education Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

Objective #1: Assist the student to recognize the distinctiveness of child welfare as a field of practice within the social work profession.

Learning Outcome: Students learn to identify and understand the unique aspects of the child welfare field.

Assignments that demonstrate the accomplishment of this outcome:

1. Tests
2. Research Paper

Objective #2: Introduce the student to social work practice as it applies to the field of child welfare.(EPAS Competency 3: a-b)

Learning Outcome: Students will learn how the many aspects of social work are integrated into the field of child welfare.

Assignments that demonstrate the accomplishment of this outcome:

1. Tests

Objective #3: Help students acquire an historical perspective on how and why child welfare services developed and examine the current socioeconomic context in which they operate. (EPAS Competencies 3:b, 4:a-d, 5:b-c, & 7:a-b)

Learning Outcome: Students will understand and be able to identify the historical development of the current child welfare system and demonstrate an understanding of the socioeconomic context that the system currently operates in.

Assignments that demonstrate the accomplishment of this outcome:

1. Tests
2. Research Paper

Objective #4: Assist students to understand the range of child welfare services currently utilized such as support, both supplementary and substitutive. (EPAS Competency 10)

Learning Outcome: Students will understand and be able to identify the range of child welfare services currently being utilized, including supportive, supplementary and substitutive care.

Assignments that demonstrate the accomplishments of this outcome:

1. Tests

Objective #5: Increase exposure to child welfare issues which impact the lives of ethnic minority and special needs children, such as health care, adoptions, foster care, mainstreaming and community support services. (EPAS Competency 4:a-d)

Learning Outcome: Students will understand and be able to identify the child welfare issues that impact the lives of ethnic minority and special needs children, including health care, adoptions, foster care, mainstreaming and community support services.

Assignments that demonstrate the accomplishments of this outcome:

1. Tests
2. Research Paper

Objective #6: Help students operationalize social work knowledge, ethics, values and problem solving skills in the practice settings of child welfare. (EPAS Competency 1: a-f & 2:a-d)

Learning Outcome: Students will be able to operationalize social work knowledge, ethics, values and problem solving skills in the practice setting of child welfare.

Assignments that demonstrate the accomplishments of this outcome:

1. Tests
2. Research Paper