

Minnesota State University Moorhead

PARA 325: Interviewing

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites:

This course requires the following prerequisite
PARA 251 - Legal Research and Writing

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Development of the skills necessary to elicit comprehensive factual information about legal issues and to assist the client in understanding the process and procedures of the legal system.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/17/1997 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. General considerations
2. Motivation in client interviews
3. Listening in interviews
4. Questioning
5. Structure and techniques of interviews
6. Client reluctance to give information
7. Videotaping and critiquing of first mock interview

8. Witness interviewing and investigation
9. Investigation
10. Counseling
11. Videotaping and critiquing of second mock interview

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To learn various approaches to interviewing clients in a legal setting.
2. To understand the barriers to effective communication with clients, and how to overcome those barriers to facilitate full comprehension of the client's problems and needs.
3. To develop skills in obtaining information from the client and providing assistance to the client in resolution of problems.
4. To learn general concepts of investigation

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted