

Inver Hills Community College

HSER 1123: Family Functions and Interactions

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Studies the family with attention to its organization, function and dynamics. Emphasis is placed on the impact and effects of family on individual development. The course offers an introduction to family systems theory, normal and problematic family systems, and family functioning concepts. It also examines family violence including, social and psychological roots of violence. Chemical dependency and how it affects the family will also be discussed.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/01/2003 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Chemical dependency: Effects on the family: 10%
2. Coping Strategies: 10%
3. Effects of family on individual development: 10%
4. Ethnicity and family therapy, Ethnic paradigms: 10%
5. Family adaption: 10%
6. Family rules and boundaries: 10%
7. Family violence: Effects on the family: 10%
8. Health and Dysfunction: 10%
9. History of family development theories: 10%
10. Introduction to family systems theory: 10%

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Investigate family systems theory
2. Discover the dynamics of family violence
3. Identify the impact of chemical dependency on the family system and its members
4. Discover an awareness of their own family system and how this influences their role as a human service worker
5. Recognize the conditions for maintaining emotional health in individual family members and in the family system

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

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted