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University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code SOWK-381	Course Title Social Work Practice with Sexual Concerns	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites
Type of Course Electives	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Gregory Neocleous
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce concepts of sexual identity, trafficking, sexual harassment in the working environment, child and adult pornography
- Examine the challenges and opportunities of social work practice working with this group of people by addressing the roles and functions of social workers within a complex society
- Introduce the skills and techniques applied in this area
- Explore the development of services in Cyprus and abroad as far as victims of human trafficking, victims of sexual abuse etc.
- Present good practices at a preventive and interventive level
- Describe the benefit of acquiring a broad base of knowledge of human sexuality as the basis for advanced social work practice.

L e a r n i n g O u t c o m e s :

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Work without prejudices as far as sexual issues concern
- Identify vulnerable client systems and populations at risk for treatment and preventive services.
- Demonstrate appropriate professional comfort and ethical principles in dealing with clients' sexual concerns.
- Plan and implement formal and informal sex education and reeducation with a variety of client systems (e.g., adolescents, adults and couples of all ages, culturally diverse clients and those with health and developmental challenges) in individual, couple, family and group treatment formats.
- Develop a comprehensive psychosocial assessment and intervention for a variety of sex-related issues commonly presented by clients and at-risk populations, e.g., attitudes toward various sexual practices, masturbation,

unplanned pregnancy, infertility, child sexual abuse/incest, sexual assault survivors and perpetrators, out of control sexual behavior, concerns related to sexual orientation, sexually transmitted diseases, and disability/illness and sexuality.

Course Contents:

Current knowledge base of human sexuality.
 Diverse formats in which sex education, sex reeducation, sex counseling and sex therapy may be provided.
 The role of education for human sexuality
 Traditional socio-cultural influences on sexual attitudes.
 Parental and family role in sex education.
 Attitudes inhibiting and enhancing sexual response.
 Attitude identification (personal)
 Prevention of sexual problems
 Intervention in macro systems
 Intervention in micro client systems
 Design of programs in sex education for client groups
 Intervention in on-going social work practice
 Evaluation of intervention
 Relationship to cultural diversity
 Unplanned pregnancy
 Health and disability
 Sexually-transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS
 Rape, incest and child sexual abuse
 Sexual disorders
 Review of models appropriate for treating sexual concerns/problems
 Overview of selected sex-related concerns, issues, or problems, with focus on vulnerable and at-risk client groups
 Overview of selected classifications
 Implications for social work practice
 Professional and ethical issues

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Workshops (role playing), Group Work, Assignments Video Presentations

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Konstantinos Fellas, Antdreas Filaretou, Stauros Karagiannis	<i>Sexual influences- Social construction of informal sexual behaviours</i>	Kritiki	2010	

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Morrow, D.F. and Messinger, L. (Eds.)	Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression in Social Work Practice:	Columbia University Press	2006	0 231127294

	Working with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender People...			
Leiblum, S. R., & Rosen, R. C. (Eds)	Principles and practice of sex therapy	Guilford Press	2000	