

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS

Department of: Human Environmental Studies Course No.: CF 400

Title of Course: Family Life Practicum Revision: _____
New: Fall 2002

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:

A professional field placement in a community service or agency which focuses upon the family. A minimum of 120 hour practicum under the direct supervision of a qualified professional in a family service field. (3)

II. Prerequisite(s):

Completed 90 hours of course work including 12 hours of CF prefix classes.

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course:

The students will:

- A. Participate in the activities, protocol, and issues of services or agencies which address families.
- B. Demonstrate foundational skills in working with families and the staff members of services or agencies.
- C. Demonstrate greater appreciation for the complexities and diversity of families.
- D. Apply their knowledge of networking, communication and resource management in working with families.
- E. Demonstrate attitudes of professionalism and ethical responsibility in working with individuals and families.

IV. Expectations of Students:

Students enrolled in the practicum will be expected to log in the minimum hours required. A supportive, positive evaluation from the field supervisor and the professor at midterm and the end of the semester is required. The student will be expected to fulfill all the duties and responsibilities outlined by the professor as a part of that practicum. The student will be expected to read assigned materials specific to that practicum and to write a final summative report of the experience. The student will meet with the professor one time each month during the semester.

V. Course Content or Outline:

The student is required to complete a minimum of 120 hours of contact time in the field while performing all the duties and responsibilities of a professional in the role assigned.

The student and the field supervisor will design a set of learning objectives and goals for the practicum based upon course objectives.

The student will be given feedback as to progress at midterm and the end of the semester.

Examples of Agencies and Services which this practicum may involve are: Women's Safe House, Family Planning Clinic, VIP Industries, the Division of Family Services - Foster Parent Program, Educare, WIC, Adult Day Care Program, Community Counseling Center and special needs children summer programs.

VI. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

No textbook required. A reading assignment will be designed for each student relevant to the practicum.

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

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| A. Midterm evaluation (written and oral) from field supervisor and professor | 25% |
| B. Final evaluation (written and oral) from field supervisor and professor | 55% |
| C. Reading assignments | 5% |
| D. Final summative report | 15% |