

# HSV 221C : Social and Professional Issues in Today's Society

The student will examine and explore a variety of social and professional issues in today's society relating to the helping field. Skill- and knowledge-based topics necessary for the success of the student's career in today's workplace may include basic human needs in homelessness, poverty, advocacy work, grant writing/proposals/funding, culturally competent counselor standards, and community mental health delivery systems, as well as professional issues and skills that face today's helping professional.

**Credits** 3

**Lab/Practicum/Clinical Hours** 0

**Lecture Hours** 3

## **Learning Outcomes**

- Understand the history, nature, extent, and causes of poverty and welfare in the United States.
- Understand the reality of class distinctions in this country and the effect on individuals and groups.
- Understand poverty as a condition caused by social and individual factors.
- Understand selective issues such as racism, physical handicaps, emotional/behavioral disorders, domestic violence, child care and educational deficits that are associated with poverty.
- Understand sociality influences of different generations that make up today's population.
- Understand the costs of higher education, housing and children in today's society.
- Understand generational debt.
- Understand the changing characteristics of the aging population.
- Recognize cultural stereotypes concerning aging and their effects.
- Recognize services that exist for aging people.
- Understand major health issues germane to the aging population and how the medical field operates and what other choices may exist.
- Consider the impact from the significant increase of the aging population on our society.