

CRIME VICTIM/SURVIVOR SERVICES AAS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CVSS 1103 VICTIMOLOGY

An introduction to victimology, with special emphasis on family violence, sexual assault, restitution, compensation, culpability, victim rights, vulnerability, victim surveys and the international victimology movement.

CVSS 1113 VICTIM SERVICES

An overview of community services dealing with victims, including social welfare services, crisis centers, medical services, criminal justice and others. It will focus on the role of a victim service agency as a new subsystem, with special emphasis on services.

CVSS 1213 GRIEVING PROCESS

Explores the issues relating to grief that individuals experience when faced with the loss of someone or something important to them. The stages of grief, bereavement, mourning and guilt will be explored, as well as interventions that helping professionals can utilize when dealing with those who have suffered a loss. Prerequisite: PSYC 1113

CVSS 1413 ELDER ABUSE

This course examines the impact of aging on individuals and their families as well as the impact of increased numbers of elderly persons on social institutions. Historical attitudes regarding aging are reviewed and compared with current cultural perspectives in the U.S. and in other countries. In addition, elder abuse in its many forms is defined. Causal factors are identified along with appropriate intervention strategies.

CVSS 2113 ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Reviews the perspectives on child victimization and will examine several social phenomena such as child abuse/neglect, divorce, media exploitation, war and other catastrophes. The psychological, familial, social, legal and cultural contexts of victimization will be discussed. Prerequisites: CVSS 1103 and CVSS 1113

CVSS 2123 RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Reviews the phenomenon of rape, myths about rape and rapists, treatment of rape victims, discussion of physical and psychological preparation for possibility of attacks. Understanding the complexity of these issues will be gained by considering psychological, familial, social, legal and cultural contexts of victimization. Prerequisites: CVSS 1103 and CVSS 1113

CVSS 2223 LEGAL POLICY IN VICTIM SERVICES

A look at the traditional legislative process and an analysis of the tools of advocacy with government agencies. A discussion of the use of the media in victim services. Current legal rights for victims will be surveyed. Prerequisites: CVSS 1103 and POLS 1113.

CVSS 2233 DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

The typology and history of family abuse, including legal guidelines, treatment approaches, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, spousal abuse, elderly abuse and child abuse. Prerequisites: CVSS 1103 and CVSS 1113.

CVSS 2313 STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

Provides students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to understand the causes and effects contributing to the stress created by being in a helping profession. Methods of dealing with this stress and taking care of self will also be addressed.

CVSS 2323 SPECIAL POPULATIONS IN VICTIM SERVICES

A focus on the additional problems cultural diversity presents for victims in our society. A survey of the history of biased responses and the current need for innovative services for these victims will be addressed. Prerequisites: CVSS 1103 and CVSS 1113.

CVSS 2333 INTRODUCTION TO CRISIS INTERVENTION

A focus on the process and the effects of victimization. A discussion of counseling direct and indirect victims through hot lines, stress reduction, support groups, referrals, etc. will be discussed. Prerequisites: CVSS 1103 and PSYC 1113.

CVSS 2413 ETHICS

This course will prepare students to deal with the professional and ethical issues that most affect the actual practice of counseling or serving as an advocate for victims and survivors of crime. Topics to be covered include dealing with ethical dilemmas, the law, limits of confidentiality and dealing with informed consent and the rights of victims. Prerequisite: CVSS 1103.

CVSS 2511 PROFESSIONAL PRINCIPLES IN VICTIM SERVICES

This course examines appropriate conduct in the work environment and the cultures of several agencies that impact the lives of crime victims. Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in CVSS 2512 and consent of department head.

CVSS 2512 OCCUPATIONAL PROFICIENCY

This course is designed to evaluate the graduate's proficiency in their major field of study. Areas to be assessed include communication skills, job interviewing techniques and professional competencies. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in CVSS 2511 and consent of department head.

CVSS 2513 PRACTICUM

This course will give the student the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned in the crime victim/survivor service course work. The practicum will be completed in a facility that can give the student related, hands-on experience in the area of emphasis selected. Prerequisites: completion of 12 credit hours of CVSS courses and consent of department head.