Models of Family Practice SOWK 5701G

Course Description

This course focuses on social work practice with families. Students reflect upon models and their application in practice. They explore the role of the family therapist, practice interviewing techniques, intervention skills and compare and contrast various approaches.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:
- Evaluate and critique different models of family therapy by exploring their strengths and limitations.
- Reflect on connections between your values, ethics and practice.
- Assess how issues such as culture, gender and socio-economic inequality create power differentials that impact families. Furthermore, explore how these same issues may affect the therapeutic rapport between the social worker and the family.
- Use interviewing techniques to assess and intervene with families.
- Implement intervention skills linked to the various models of family therapy.
- Demonstrate an increased knowledge of a range of presenting issues in family therapy, such as children’s mental health, chronic illness, grief and bereavement and marital conflict.