

Course Outcomes Guide

Directions: Please complete this form to document your progress toward improving student learning. For each item, indicate your progress and your anticipated next steps. Thank you!

Course/Program Title: HST-103 Introduction to Human Services

Date: May '12

Course/Program Team: Fran Cade/Richard Snyder (adjunct currently teaching this course)

Expected Learning Outcomes

1. Understand the historical development of human services delivery systems in American society.
2. Identify the functions and operations of human service agencies.
3. Understand the purpose and role of the social work profession.
4. Understand the nature of the helping relationship.
5. Identify the characteristics of an effective helper.

Assessment (How do or will students demonstrate achievement of each outcome?)

Outcomes 1 and 2: The Agency Visit Paper and Presentation and Exam I

Outcome 3: The Helpstarts here.org assignment and Exam I

Outcomes 4 and 5: Exam II

Validation (What methods have you used or will you use to validate your assessment?)

The competencies of the Council on Human Service education and the Council on Social Work Education have been used to validate what is being assessed.

Results (What do your assessment data show? If you have not yet assessed student achievement of your learning outcomes, when is assessment planned?)

Outcomes 1 and 2: 82% of students met these outcomes in the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters. The concepts of residual welfare and institutional welfare are a weakness for 20% of students as evidenced by Exam I.

Outcome 3: 35% of students are not understanding the difference between the human services definition and the definition of social work and the uniqueness of social work as a helping profession.

Outcomes 4 and 5: 19% of students are having difficulty understanding the difference between the professional helping relationship and a friendship.

Follow-up (How have you used or how will you use the data to improve student learning?)

Professor Snyder and Cade have discussed strengthening the instruction of the introduction of social work specifically to improve the identified weakness.

Budget Justification (What resources are necessary to improve student learning?)

Current needs are met.