
Social Work (SW)

SW 015X Occupational Work Experience (1 - 8)

Class Hours: Work Experience

Transfers to: Transfers to CSU only

Cooperative Work Experience Education (CWEE) develops skills and knowledge by integrating classroom study with planned, supervised work experience. It is based on the principle that well-educated individuals develop most effectively through an educational plan that incorporated work experience. Through these structured experiences, the students enrich their college studies, which enhance their total development. Occupational Work Experience is supervised employment which is intended to assist students in acquiring desirable work habits, attitudes, and career awareness in the field of the student's major. Students may earn up to 8 units per semester for a maximum of 16 total units. Credits are awarded for paid or voluntary work. For every 75 hours of paid work completed within the semester, 1 unit or credit is awarded. For every 60 hours of volunteer work completed within the semester, 1 unit of credit is awarded. Occupational Work Experience credits are counted as electives toward an Associate's Degree at West Hills College Lemoore and are transferable to four year universities (for specific transfer eligibility, please contact a counselor or an advisor).

SW 020 Introduction to Social Welfare (3)

Class Hours: 54 Lecture

Advisory(s): ENG 051A

Transfers to: Transfers to CSU only

SW 020 is an introductory course which examines the social, economic, political, historical and philosophic components of social welfare and the development of the social work profession in Western society. (AA/AS, CSU, UC)

SW 021 Eligibility and Case Management (3)

Class Hours: 54 Lecture

Advisory(s): ENG 051A

Transfers to: Transfers to CSU only

Successful completion of ENG 051A (Introduction to Communication Skills) or the equivalent. SW 021 focuses on the function, role, and responsibilities of the human services worker within the fields of criminology, psychology, sociology, and social work. Students will be exposed to practical applications, model approaches, and techniques utilized within the field. (AA, CSU)

SW 22 Individual and Group Support (3)

Class Hours: 54 Lecture

Advisory(s): ENG 051A

Transfers to: Transfers to CSU only

SW 022 is an overview of basic support models, including psychoanalytic, behavioral, cognitive and humanistic counseling approaches. This course will introduce students to the major theories of counseling (psychoanalytic, Adlerian, existential, person-centered, Gestalt, reality, behavior, cognitive-behavior, family systems, feminist and, postmodern approaches). Students will explore contemporary issues that influence the human services profession. Including ethics, assessment and working with individuals from diverse communities. Students will examine contextual factors that can impact the counseling process (e.g., gender, social status, culture, ethnicity/race and sexual orientation) and explore psychological mechanisms that promote positive change in people's lives. Includes a personal counseling experience emphasizing active listening and non-judgmental feedback delivery. (AA, CSU)

SW 23 Substance Abuse Counseling**(3)***Class Hours:* 54 Lecture*Advisory(s):* ENG 051A*Transfers to:* Transfers to CSU only

SW 023 explores intervention and treatment of the chemically dependent and of family members, community resources, and laboratory skills development. The course will address substance abuse etiology, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning. Special counseling issues and concerns will be covered related to various aspects of substance abuse counseling. (AA, CSU)