

M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of the course the successful student will be able to:

1. Acquire experience in working within organizations, and groups, in a professional setting
2. Apply critical theory to practice in various fields of psychology
3. Engage in psychology-related work, research, or functions in the community
4. Create associations between service learning and academic learning
5. Describe the needs and operations of community organizations
6. Foster relationships with community partners and establish professional networking contacts in the psychology field
7. Demonstrate effective accountability and professional behaviour, dress, and communication in work setting
8. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the real world context of psychological principles
9. Develop and refine oral, written and interpersonal communication skills
10. Gain experience in self-evaluation through writing and professional feedback

N: Course Content:

A. Service Learning Placement

B. Relevant service learning information (through seminar mode of instruction)

1. Service learning definitions and elements
2. Community based research
3. How to locate and professionally contact an organization
4. Ethical and professional behaviour (e.g. confidentiality, punctuality etc)
5. Types of agencies/organizations in psychology
6. Expectations of service component
7. Reflective writing for documenting , and learning experiences

O: Methods of Instruction

The course will primarily involve a supervised service learning placement. The course may include other instructional methods, such as seminar and group meetings.

P: Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students

Selected relevant reading material should be chosen by the instructor, such as:

Cress, C.M., Collier, P.J., & Reitenauer, V.L. (2005). *Earning through serving: A student guidebook for service-learning across the disciplines*. Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing.

Q: Means of Assessment

The course evaluation

R: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: specify whether course is open for PLAR

No.

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