

Spring 2026 Course Description

379 & 479 Special Topics

HWC 379-1 (54439) Special Topics in Social Work: Service Delivery & Care Coordination Systems for Individuals with Disabilities

This course is designed to provide human services professionals with practical knowledge and comprehension of the resources and services that are required to provide compassionate quality-based consistent service coordination for this and other vulnerable populations. The course will explore and incorporate class discussions, readings and practical case studies addressing the techniques of how to provide care management and person-centered services paradigms. The course will focus on the development and direct service systems for the clients, caregivers and family members with attention to improving service coordination, services access, quality and efficiency.

The core teachings of the course will be addressed in six (6) modules and with additional accompanying learning topics that will improve the student's understanding of care coordination, changes in the way health care is being paid for, managed and delivered.

HWC 379-2 (54979) Special Topics in Social Work: Social Work with Special Populations - Working with Special Needs Youth & Families

This course will address children with disabilities, the possible causes, characteristics and interventions. Classifications, medical diagnoses and services will be discussed for children ages 3 through 21. Both general education and special education settings and services will be discussed including inclusion and related services in relation to MTSS and state mandates. The use of 405 plans and IEPs will be covered as well as the local, state and federal laws pertaining .

HWC 379-3 (54109) Special Topics in Social Work: Narrative Toolbox for Generalist Social Work Practice

This class will explore the use of narrative tools (expressive writing, theatre and storytelling techniques) to better hear our clients' stories in generalist SW practice, helping them to access their true voice within.

HWC 479-1 (51775) Special Topics in Social Work: Service Delivery & Care Coordination Systems for Individuals with Disabilities

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HWC 479-02 (54981) Special Topics in Social Work; An Introduction to Trauma Informed Care and Social Work Practice

Trauma is a widespread, harmful and costly public health problem. It occurs as a result of violence, abuse, neglect, loss, disaster, war and other emotionally harmful experiences. The need to address trauma is increasingly viewed as an important component of effective behavioral health service delivery. Trauma-Informed Care is a strengths-based approach to social work practice, which recognizes the prevalence of trauma and its impact on the emotional, psychological and social wellbeing of people. This course will examine the definitions, types and prevalence of trauma, while providing an understanding of the implementation of a trauma-informed approach within the social work profession.

HWC 479-3 (55072) Special Topics in Social Work; Starting a Non-Profit

Students will learn the stages in detail of starting a non-profit organization. Upon completion of the course students will know how to analyze the need, business plan, mission and vision, bylaws, recruit board, tax information, obtaining space and staff, strategies on receiving funds, develop marketing strategies and obtaining community support