

Social Work and the Aging

Description: This course is designed to provide an overview of gerontological social work practice. The emphasis will be on principals of practice, application of research, and the formulation of policies, as they relate to older adults. The course will define the role of the social worker from a gerontological perspective. It will introduce the student to special populations which are most vulnerable; aging women and aging people of color, the disable, and gay and lesbian aged.

Outcomes: The students will be able to examine and gain an awareness of the importance of integration of age content into Social Work practices, to discuss the importance of preparation of social workers to practice in the interdisciplinary setting, and to discuss the importance of empowering the older adult.