

Minnesota State University Moorhead

SW 400: Research Methods in Social Work

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: SOC 350

MnTC Goals: None

Study of research methods (designs) and processes including assessing problems, analyzing and presenting data, and monitoring and evaluating intervention and services in social work practice. Admission to the Social Work program is required.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/27/2007 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Analyzing and presenting data
2. Applying theory
3. Assessing problems
4. Monitoring/evaluating social work interventions
5. Posing research questions

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Explain/apply research methods/tools.
2. Demonstrate effective written communication.
3. Use NASW Code of Ethics to guide research.
4. Use multiple sources of knowledge to inform research.
5. Differentiate/critique/apply hypotheses in social work research.
6. Differentiate/critique/apply data collection, analyses, presentation strategies in research.
7. Differentiate/critique/apply research designs in social work research.
8. Differentiate/critique/apply sampling methods in social work research.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted