WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
Course Syllabus

COURSE NUMBER: SOC 464
TERM: 

COURSE TITLE: Special Topics: Working in the Helping Professions

TEXTBOOK: 

FACULTY MEMBER: 

OFFICE HOURS/METHOD OF CONTACT: 

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course will provide a general overview of human services work. The course will introduce students to the field of human service work as a profession, and orient students to the fundamental values, skills, ethics, and knowledge of human service work practice. The student will be introduced to various human service organizations, client groups, various problems agencies address, as well as an examination of direct services and administration/planning of services.

II. RATIONALE:
An evermore complex society demands highly competent individuals to help manage and solve societal problems. This introductory course to working in the human services field builds on prior course knowledge and seeks to integrate theory and practice. The course is designed to help students become competent practitioners.

III. INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A: Understand levels of human service work and social welfare in the United States

Learning Outcomes: The student will:
A-1: Explain the history of human service work
A-2: Describe the nature of the human service work profession
A-2: Provide examples of several different social welfare policies
A-4: Explain at least 3 different theoretical perspectives for human service workers

GOAL B: Demonstrate an understanding of the major problems, needs, and issues in American society toward which social services are directed.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:
B-1: Analyze a major social problem
B-2: Discuss changes in how society addresses social problems
B-3: Discuss social justice issues in the 21st century
B-4: Discuss social welfare policy
**GOAL C:** Evaluate their own attitudes toward social problems, client groups, and social welfare problems.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:
- **C-1:** Reflect on their own assumptions regarding social problems, client groups, and social welfare problems
- **C-2:** Share personal attitudes and assumptions about human service work and social welfare

**GOAL D:** Explain the NOHSW Code of Ethics and ethical dilemmas in human service work practice.