

SOCW IFCC Meeting
June 1, 2017
Central GA Technical College, Macon
Building I Quad A
10 am – 3 pm (Working Lunch)
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am on June 1, 2017, by Chair Rhonda Lastie. Those in attendance at the meeting are as follows: Rhonda Lastie (Athens); Jennifer Reynolds (Southern Regional); Pam Turner (GA Northwestern); Betty Watts (Athens); and Benita Moore (TCSG). Dr. Mindy McCannon (VPAA GA Northwestern) was available by telephone and was called as indicated later in the minutes.

The minutes were reviewed and approved as posted and distributed. Rhonda then began going through each of the SOCW courses to review them and to make sure they are correct and current. While going through each course, textbooks and instructional methods were shared and discussed.

The following courses did not have any changes.

No Changes

SOCW 2000 – Introduction to Social Work
SOCW 2010 – Introduction to Case Management
SOCW 2020 – Human Behavior and the Social Environment
SOCW 2030 – Interviewing Techniques with Individuals
SOCW 2040 – Behavioral Health
SOCW 2060 – Child & Adolescent Behaviors & Interventions
SOCW 2081 – Social Work Field Practicum
SOCW 2100 – Leadership and Community Service
SOCW 2120 – Multicultural Issues
SOCW 2140 – Addictions, Theories, and Treatments

The following courses **have changes** that are being recommended.

SOCW 2050 – Group Work Intervention
SOCW 2070 – Social Policies and Programs for the Aging
SOCW 2080 – Social Work Field Practicum
SOCW 2090 – Social Work Field Practicum II
SOCW 2110 – Case Management with Families
SOCW 2130 – Social Welfare, Ethics, and Community Service
SOCW 2150 – Domestic and Family Violence

SOCW 2050 – Group Work Intervention

- Remove SOCW 2030 as a prerequisite; this course will have no prerequisites. This recommendation was also recommended in 2016 but did not get corrected.

SOCW 2070 – Social Policies and Programs for the Aging

- Change the course description to read as follows:
 - This course explores the aging process and the experience of aging from a variety of perspectives. Emphasis is placed on understanding the normative changes associated with the aging process, as well as the ways in which those changes are experienced personally and socially. Specific issues that will be reviewed include the realities of aging

on our society, life adjustments, physical health, mental health, changes in physical appearance, and the dying process.

- The current course description is as follows and the proposed changes do not change the content of the course.

This course explores the aging process and the experience of aging from a variety of perspectives. Physiological psychological and socio-culturally. Emphasis is placed on understanding the normative changes associated with the aging process, as well as the ways in which those changes are experienced personally and socially. Issues that will be reviewed include the realities of aging on our society; issues around health and emotional well being and aging, including life adjustments, physical health and mental problems and changes in physical appearance; and a look into the future of aging.

SOCW 2080 – Social Work Field Practicum

- Remove all prerequisites and co-requisite courses
- List prerequisite as “Permission of department”

SOCW 2090 – Social Work Field Practicum II

- Leave the pre-requisites as they are in KMS (Program Admission and SOCW 2080).
- Remove all of the corequisites.

SOCW 2110 – Case Management with Families

- Remove all prerequisites; the course should NOT have any prerequisite or corequisite.

SOCW 2130 – Social Welfare, Ethics, and Community Service

- Change the name of this course to Social Welfare, Ethics, and Community (add Ethics to title)

SOCW 2150 – Domestic and Family Violence

- Remove Program Admission as prerequisite; this course will have no prerequisite.

It was noted that a college could add additional pre-/co-requisites and that KMS will reflect the “base” requirements. These changes will be available Fall 2017.

After reviewing the courses, the group reviewed the TCCs, diploma, and AAS programs and no changes were recommended. The group then called Dr. Mindy McCannon (VPAA GA Northwestern) to discuss these changes and she agreed with these changes. We all agreed that these changes would not change course content but would provide clarity for instructional purposes.

Pam Turner stated that for accreditation purposes the program name would need to be changed from Social Work Assistant to Human Services. After discussion, the group agreed that it would not be beneficial to the program to use the Human Services name. It was also noted that a previous SOCW instructor had looked into this previously and found the same information.

Before we adjourned, Rhonda Lastie announced that she was moving to Pensacola, FL, and would be leaving Athens Technical College in mid-August. The group thanked her for her service and dedication. A new chair will need to be elected, but we will do that next year/meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Pam Turner and Benita Moore