

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: SO 220 Social Work and Social Welfare

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: SO 201 , SO 217

### Description:

This course provides an introduction to the social work profession and social welfare system. The student will explore the social welfare system, past and present to understand the social workers role and function.

### Learning Outcomes:

- At the completion of this course, students should be able to:
- Analyze the impact of poverty upon the individual and society
  - Discuss the link between social welfare and social work
  - Identify and explain the areas of social work practice
  - Indicate and assess the economic, political and social plight of social welfare recipients
  - Explain the significance of social work ethics
  - Discuss the factors influencing the social worker's relationship with others
  - Explain the worker's roles as a group worker, case worker, community practitioner and administrator

### Topical Outline:

- Social work as a profession
- The social welfare system
- Modes of intervention
- Social work practice and diverse populations
- Social justice and civil rights
- Working with diverse populations
- Children and their families
- Older people
- Social work fields of practice
- Health care
- Mental health
- School of social work
- Criminal justice
- Workplace

- Critical issues in social work
- Poverty and economic disparity
- Substance abuse
- Technology and social work

Texts: (4)

Poppo and Leighninger. (1990). *Social Work, Social Welfare & American Society*, New York, NY, Pearson Pub.

Kozol, Jonathan. (1996). *Amazing Grace*. New York, NY, Broadway Books. ISBN: 9780060976972

Kozol, Jonathan. (2014). *Fire in the Ashes*. New York, NY: Random House Publishing. ISBN: 978-1-4000-5247-9

Piven (1993). *Regulating the Poor*. New York, NY: Random/Vintagean. ISBN: 9780679745167

Student Assessment: Research Paper with Power Point Presentation *Something Needs to be done about a Situation like This* required. Additional assessment may be accomplished through projects, portfolios, exams, presentations and/or papers

\* Students should be reminded to save all course work for portfolio development.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation. Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense. As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Note: If you are having difficulty with work in this class tutoring is available through the Center for Academic & Student Success. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600 x 1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

**Before Withdrawing From This Course**

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) BEFORE withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.

