MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course Information

Division	**Science/Mathematics**
Contact Hours	**45**
Total Credits	**3**

Prerequisites	**RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying score on accepted placement tests**

Course Description

This course is intended to present an overview of the field of social work. The student will develop an understanding and beginning knowledge of what social work entails. Included will be the gamut of roles available to social work in a variety of different settings – schools, hospitals, mental health centers, and social service agencies – all of which require different educational backgrounds. This course will focus on the needs and problems of clients (defined as individuals, families, groups and community); the variety of methods used to help solve these problems; the social, cultural, political, and economic values which affect these needs; and problem solving.

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding and beginning knowledge of what social work is

2. Identify/Recognize what social welfare programs are, and gain understanding of the cultural, political, and economic factors which effect those programs

3. Identify/Recognize the various settings where social work is practiced, both public and private

4. Understand the social work profession which includes various settings, and the variety of educational requirements necessary to practice social work

5. Identify/Recognize the funding sources of different agencies, both public and private, and the impact of economic cycles on both the needs of service and delivery

6. Identify/Recognize the burden of responsibility which the social worker has when it comes to making decisions about people's lives, including the impact that these decisions will have

7. Understand how one's own value system influences professional performance and decisions

8. Understand the range of settings, along with the variety of methods which may be deployed, in which social work is practiced

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