



AAST 499V—002

Special Topics: Social Work with African American Families/Communities

Wednesday 4:30-7:20 PM

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of both historical and contemporary issues facing African American families and communities utilizing culturally competent and family systems theoretical frameworks. Specifically, this course will examine multiple topics by equipping students with appropriate knowledge and techniques to not only assist and empower them, but also to understand their family dynamics.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the historical background of African American families and its impact on contemporary family life.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of African American family structures and dynamics utilizing culturally competent and family systems theoretical frameworks.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of African American family policies and advocacy.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical conceptualizations within African American families.
5. Identify specific barriers and social issues facing African American families and communities.
6. Promote social justice by recognizing and identifying ways to address discrimination against African Americans and other oppressed populations.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the strengths within African American families.
8. Analyze a current issue affecting African American families/communities by conducting a needs assessment and plan of action for how they would advocate for social change within the African American community.