

Master Class Series- Spring 2009

Department of Social Work

Master Classes qualify as electives in the MSW program. MSW students may register for Master classes after successfully completing the foundation year of their specific program type.

SW 585-1 The Art of Clinical Supervision (3 cr. hrs.)



Theresa Blakley, Ph.D., LCSW, ACSW
Associate Professor of Social Work
Union University

Jan 9 8 AM–5 PM, Fridays
Feb 13
Mar 13
Apr 10

Course Description: Those charged with supervising social work professionals are challenged with competing demands that include oversight for the professional growth, well-being, and ethical actions of their supervisees, the viability of the host agency, and ultimately, for the welfare of the clients they serve. This course will focus on the art of clinical and administrative supervision, helping participants to recognize their own style and develop skills to facilitate professional growth and insight for supervisees in individual and group supervision. Theoretical underpinnings of supervision will be examined, along with practice applications for administrative and clinical supervision. Lecture, film, discussion, reflection, and role-play will be utilized in the course of this study.

SW 585-3 Delinquent Adolescents: Social and Emotional Intelligence (1 cr. hr)



Twana Miller, LCSW
Department of Children's Services

Feb 23 6-9 PM, Mondays
Mar 2
Mar 9
Mar 16

Course Description: This course will explore the social and emotional intelligence of adolescents as a frame for working with juveniles. Aggression replacement training will be examined as an intervention approach to improve social skill competence, anger control and moral reasoning.

SW 585-1-1 Restorative Justice: Theory and Practice (1 cr. hr.)



Steven Hornsby, JD
Deputy Commissioner of Juvenile Justice
TN Department of Children's Services

Apr 2 6-9 PM, Thursdays
Apr 9
Apr 16
Apr 23

Course Description: The first half of this four week class will provide an overview of the philosophy and theory of restorative justice as shared by some of the international leaders of this movement. A highlight will be the contrast between restorative justice and prevailing retributive and punitive philosophies, including the roles of victims and communities. The second half will provide experiential learning as students learn the process of a restorative justice conference, view actual restorative justice cases and take part in a live demonstration of a restorative justice conference.

SW 586-1 Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy(3 cr. hrs)

Randall Phillips, Ph.D.
Assoc. Prof. of Family Studies
Director of Research, Union University

Mar 31-May 19 6-10 PM, Tuesdays

Course Description: This course is designed for and delivered to graduate students and professionals preparing to deliver professional, human services. While providing some history and perspective on the field of marital and family therapy, the course is delivered from a clinical perspective. Themes that are covered include: theory; assessment; therapeutic interventions; ethics and scope of practice of marital and family therapy; and special issues in treatment.