Catalog Course Description

This course is designed to examine the field of HIV/AIDS and will acquaint students with the primary and most advanced facts about HIV/AIDS. It will take different approaches to the impact of HIV infection and AIDS on the individual, family, society, and institutions that provide care and will sensitize students to the challenges that HIV/AIDS has generated in public health, social policy, and social service delivery. This elective course provides an overview of individuals and families infected and living with HIV as a population group and as a biopsychosocial process. The course explores aspects of social services and health care systems intended to help individuals, families, and communities confront HIV Intersections consisting of gender, age, ability, sexuality and other related challenges and capitalize upon relative strengths.

Social work students will have an opportunity to explore their own beliefs, values and approaches to the issues regarding HIV/AIDS, in addition to the cultural, political, social, legal, ethical, spiritual, and public health concerns and the perspectives of people living with HIV infection and AIDS that are needed to inform practice and policy.

Course Overview

HIV/AIDS is a modern pandemic with far-reaching ramifications of an actual, biomedical, public health, psychosocial, cultural, legal, ethical, spiritual, political and economic nature which is likely to affect the context in which social work is practiced profoundly. It is probable that most social workers will professionally encounter an HIV client at some point in their career and the discrimination and stigma still associated with the disease are present in every systemic context, and social workers will, therefore, need to be prepared to address the various bio-psycho-social issues impacting their HIV clients. This course is intended to provide students the opportunity to examine the ramifications of this pandemic from the profession's commitment to the core values of human dignity, social justice, cultural diversity and self-determination and to build the skills they will need for delivering effective interventions at the individual, family, community and policy levels.

There is a continuing need for social workers to work within the HIV care field. With their particular expertise in providing psychological and environmental support as well as their case management skills in establishing service linkages and engaging in client advocacy, social workers have been at the forefront of efforts to improve the lives of people infected and affected by HIV disease. This course will attempt to serve as an introduction to the biological basis and bio-psycho-social impact of HIV disease on students, and although the skills being learned may be particularly useful for students who are considering a professional commitment in the HIV field, they will be transferable to work conducted in most other practice areas. Students will learn to analyze the differential impact that HIV disease has on various cultural and ethnic groups as well as individual, family, psychosocial stages development and policy issues to understand the interrelatedness of
personal, clinical, community and environmental concerns. This course is a “General Elective” open to all graduate students.

**Place of Course in Program**
This is an elective course.

**Program Level Learning Goals and the Council of Social Work Education’s Social Work Competencies**
The MSW Program at Rutgers is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). CSWE’s accreditation standards can be reviewed at [www.cswe.org](http://www.cswe.org).

In keeping with CSWE standards, the Rutgers School of Social Work has integrated the CSWE competencies within its curriculum. *These competences serve as program level Learning Goals for the MSW Program and include the following. Upon completion of their MSW education students will be able to: demonstrate ethical and professional behavior; engage in diversity and difference in practice; advance human rights and social, economic and environmental justice; engage in practice informed research and research informed practice; engage with individuals, families, groups organizations and communities; intervene with individual, families, groups organizations and communities; and evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.*

This course will assist students in developing the following competencies:

**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice**

- Apply and communicate an understanding of the importance of diversity and differences in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo & macro levels.

- *HBSE: AIDS will provide a historical, medical, social and ethical understanding of the evolution of the HIV/AIDS epidemic:* Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals and Final Paper.

- Apply self-awareness and self-regulation to manage the influences of personal biases and values in working with diverse clients and constituencies.

- *HBSE: AIDS will instruct to appreciate the significance of ethnic and cultural diversity about HIV/AIDS.* Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals and Final Paper.

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic and Environmental Justice**

- Apply their understanding of social, economic and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and systems level

- *HBSE: AIDS will teach requisite skills for social work practice and programmatic interventions with people living with HIV and their significant others.* Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals and Final Paper.

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**
Identify social policy at the local, state and federal level that impacts well-being, service delivery and access to social services.

Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.

Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic and environmental justice.

- **HBSE: AIDS** will help students develop a greater understanding of the transmission and epidemiology of HIV infection, the differential exposure among different groups and strategies for prevention and treatment at the micro and macro levels. Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals and Final Paper.

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, groups Organizations and Communities**

- Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to engage with clients and constituencies.

- **HBSE: AIDS** will explore salient psychosocial dynamics, such as continuing behaviors which put one at risk; stigmatization, blaming the victim, the impact of the stages of illness on the HIV-positive person and his/her significant others; and the impact of a terminal illness. Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals.

- Use empathy, reflection and interpersonal skills to effectively engage diverse clients and constituencies.

- **HBSE: AIDS** will instruct to understand the needs of particular populations such as sexually active - gay, transgender, and bisexual individuals, women, the elderly, hemophiliacs, children, substance users, and adolescents and the different ethnic groups most affected by HIV/AIDS. Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals.

- **HBSE: AIDS** will explore the impact of poverty, racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, and fears of addicts on the societal response to HIV/AIDS. Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals.

**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities**

- Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in the analysis of assessment data from clients and constituencies.

- **HBSE: AIDS** will convey to understand the significance of ethical, program, services, legal and spiritual issues related to HIV/AIDS. Assessment measured through weekly reflection journals and Final Paper.

Assessment of Competencies/Program Level Learning Goals: Because this course focuses on providing you with the knowledge, skills, and values for you to advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental Justice and engage in policy practice, it has been selected be to part of the School of Social Work overall assessment program of the social work competencies/program level learning goals. This means that one of the course assignments, the final paper, has been designed to assess your attainment of these competencies.
Course Specific Learning Goals

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to use one’s practice experience and research literature to:

- Articulate the Epidemiological, Biological, Medical & social aspects of HIV and the disease progress.
- Describe the concept of multiple layers of HIV discrimination based on the systems of Intersectionality (i.e., gender, ages and stages, ethnicity, cultural, socio-economic class, sexuality, spirituality, age)
- Apply this concept of Intersectionality and analyze how HIV norms, values and practices are perpetuated worldwide.
- Integrate insights on HIV Intersectionality issues into social work practice.
- To understand HIV infected & affected populations (children, adolescents, adults & seniors) as a diverse and ever-changing community group.

These goals will be assessed using the Single System Research Design assignment. You can find the rubric for assessment on your SAKAI site. However, evaluation is for reporting purposes only and is not directly a part of determining your grade on the assignment. If you would like to know your assessment score, please contact your instructor.

School of Social Work Mission Statement and School Wide Learning Goals

The mission of the School of Social Work is to develop and disseminate knowledge through social work research, education, and training that promotes social and economic justice and strengths individual, family, and community well-being, in this diverse and increasingly global environment of New Jersey and beyond.

School Wide Learning Goals: Upon graduation all students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior;
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice; and
3. Engage, Assess, and Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

Required Texts

There are no required Textbooks to purchase. All materials have been uploaded to the CANVAS site by your professor. Please download and read the article selections located in CANVAS (Resources & Assignments)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Students are expected to be active learners and collaborators. Students are supposed to contribute knowledge and observations to discussions. Regular class attendance with active participation is expected. When students participate actively in class discussions learning is enhanced. It is essential that reading assignments be completed before each session. Please take responsibility for seeking clarification of difficult material encountered in the text, readings, and lectures. At the end of each class session, readings for the subsequent class will be assigned.
- Class attendance is not optional. Students are expected to notify the instructor before
missing a meeting (see email and telephone numbers above). **With 2 or more absences,** the professor reserves the right to reduce the final grade by a whole grade. Students who leave during breaks will be marked as absent. You will not be penalized for missing class for appropriate reasons (e.g., illness and religious observances). If you are absent for medical reasons, you must bring a note from your doctor. Students are required to take the examinations on the designated dates. No make-up exams will be given unless a physician has certified, in writing, that you are unable to make the exam.

- All written work **must** be typed. Late assignments will **not** be accepted unless the student has made arrangements for the assignment due date. The professor reserves the right to reduce the grade for late assignments at their discretion. All written assignments **must** follow APA format. The professor reserves the right to lower the letter grade for any assignment that does not conform to APA format (see this website for a useful guide to APA, [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/write/apastyle.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/write/apastyle.html)).

- Student behavior in this course must comply with the university’s code of conduct. The entire system of contact can be attained from Student Judicial Affairs Office or online at [http://studentsconduct.rutgers.edu/university-code-of-student-conduct](http://studentsconduct.rutgers.edu/university-code-of-student-conduct). Students should be aware that violations of academic integrity, for example, plagiarism of any kind, would result in expulsion from the program.

- During this course, it may be difficult to disguise references to specific organizations and people, so much information must stay in the classroom. Confidentiality is vital.

- Respect for others in the classroom. Social work courses are often messy and ambiguous, with room for multiple and diverse perspectives. We all must attempt to treat each other with respect when opinions are shared. Language should be used which recognizes diversity and is respectful of others. It is also imperative, as we struggle with complex political, personal and social issues, that we not silence others by assuming that there are “politically correct” lines of thought that cannot be challenged. Let us attempt to struggle for intellectual growth and mutual respect as we endeavor in this process!

- Please do **not** use cell phones or laptops during class, unless they are required for your learning. You will be dismissed from class if you use these devices for surfing the internet or answering email. This course is meant to be a conversation. Electronic devices quickly disrupt attention interrupt the learning process.

**Methods of Evaluation**

Grades for the course will be weighted as follows:

- **20% = Attendance & Participation**
- **30% = Journals**
- **40% = HIV Intersectionality Research paper**
- **10% = HIV Intersectionality Oral & Visual Presentation.**

**HIV Intersectionality Research Paper & Presentation:** For instructions, see page 25-26 of this syllabus.
**Late Assignments**: All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date assigned. 

**Journal Assignments** will be reduced by 1 point each day the task is late or incomplete. For **HIV Intersectionality Paper**, grades will be reduced by 3 points a day the assignment is late or incomplete. (Exceptions will be made only in extreme circumstances and must be approved by the instructor before the due date.) If a scheduled date conflicts with religious observance, please consult with the professor before the assignment’s due date.

**Incomplete grades**: Incompletes will only be granted at the discretion of the instructor under exceptional circumstances. It is the student’s responsibility to request an Incomplete from the instructor before the Semester Withdrawal period and in conjunction with their Academic Advisor. A request signed by the student and the faculty member must be on file when grades are submitted.

**Attendance & Participation (20%)**. Students are expected to attend class (and be on time), which is essential for learning from lecture and class discussions, and for socialization to the profession of social work. Attendance and participation will affect 20% of the course grade. **Students who miss more than a total of 3 classes will not receive a passing grade for the course.** Students who leave during the break will be marked as absent for that level. Absences because of religious holidays are allowed with prior permission from the instructor. The consistent lateness, of course, will also result in being marked absent.

**Weekly Journal Entries/ Assignments (30%)**: All Journal entries are to be completed by scheduled due dates. You are expected to Journal on ONE (1) of the reading assignments for **SEVEN** selected weeks. Each Reading should be a full page- front into back -page typed, as a **reflection of the depth of the article, and how it impacts the Field of Social work and you as a social worker**. It is due each week noted on SYLLABUS and should be posted on CANVAS Journal Assignment Section before class. Late assignments will not be accepted unless the student has made arrangements with the professor before the assignment’s due date. The professor reserves the right to reduce the Journal grade by 1 point- daily- for every day it is late. If a scheduled date conflicts with religious observance, please consult with the professor before the assignment’s due date.

**Journal Due Dates:**
Class # 2, Class # 3, Class # 4, Class # 5, Class # 6, Class # 13, Class #14

**Grading Standards**

A = Exceptional or outstanding work; student demonstrates a full understanding of the material, displays unusual analytical and creative ability; extensive work; must be well organized and conform to accepted standards of writing including correct grammar, accurate spelling, etc.; cites material correctly. Work is completed by the due date.

B+ = above average collaborate regarding understanding material and ability to apply material from lectures and readings to own proposed project. Work must be organized and conform to
accepted standards of writing; cites article correctly. Work is completed by the due date.

B = Good work; demonstrates an understanding of the material; written materials well organized and conforms to accepted standards of grammar, spelling punctuation, etc.; cites article correctly. Work is completed by the due date.

C = Acceptable work, similar to C+ but reveals more significant problems in applying the concepts and techniques to own work, fails to cover some critical point(s). Some difficulties in organizing and presenting written materials; cites article incorrectly; too many direct quotes; fails to paraphrase and cite appropriately.

Grade cut-offs for all courses offered by the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work (MSW) as follows:

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*Scores to be rounded up at .5

★ COURSE EVALUATION

Rutgers University evaluates both the course and the instructor. This survey is completed by students toward the end of the semester; all answers are confidential and anonymous. The instructor may also choose to conduct a mid-term evaluation.

★ WRITING ASSISTANCE

Success in graduate school and within the broader profession of social work depends on strong writing skills. Several resources are available to help students strengthen their professional and academic writing skills. Writing assistance is open to all MSW students as described below.

New Brunswick Campus

All MSW SSW students (NB, Camden, Newark, and IW, online/ blended) are eligible to access writing assistance at the New Brunswick Learning Center. Online tutoring may also be available.

Contact: [https://rlc.rutgers.edu/student-info/group-and-individual-academic-support/writing-coaching](https://rlc.rutgers.edu/student-info/group-and-individual-academic-support/writing-coaching)

Newark Campus

The Newark writing center is available for MSW students on the Newark campus by appointment.
Office on Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance

Our school is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. Title IX and our school policy prohibit discrimination by sex, which regards sexual misconduct — including harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We understand that sexual abuse can undermine students’ academic success and we encourage students who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need.

Confidential support and educational advocacy are available through the Rutgers Office of Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance, 732.932.1181, http://vpva.rutgers.edu. Services are free and confidential and open 24 hrs./day, seven days a week.

Library Resources:

The Rutgers University library system contains an impressive collection of resources and materials that will be of great assistance to you as you complete assignments for this class and your other graduate courses.

Many of these materials can be accessed online.

The university librarians offer free tutorials on using the in-library services and online search tools; understanding how to navigate these devices is vital for ensuring timely, thorough, and proficient completion of the assignments for this course.

Some library tools that may be of particular relevance to this course:

Under the main library website, check out the following:

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/index.shtml

- The Electronic Reference Sources under the Reference link. You can find online links for the APA Style Manual, assistance with grammar and writing, and many other useful connections under (see Style Manuals).
- Subject Research Guides under the Research Resources link. The Social Work category contains links to Government Resources (state and federal websites relevant to policy research) and numerous other resource sites and reference collections.
- RefWorks, a web-based bibliography, and citation manager.

Dr. Karen Hartmann is the social work the social work librarian on the New Brunswick Campus khartman@rci.rutgers.edu p. 848-932-6104;
HBSE: Social Work Perspective on HIV / AIDS: Course Content and Reading Assignments

Class # 1 – Introduction to HIV: Basic Myths and Facts on Epidemiology

Weekly overview:
This week we will focus on getting to know each other so that we will be able to engage comfortably in intellectual and constructive discussions later. We will learn some of the essential concepts that will recur throughout the course and discuss the origins of HIV.

Weekly objectives:
1. Identify your classmates and instructor and their respective interests and backgrounds.
2. Discuss & view the origin of HIV

Lecture / Instructional Tools:
• Epidemiology and public health in the U.S., Incidence/prevalence of HIV in the world, U.S., and NJ, display & discuss HIV 101: common myths and misconceptions about HIV, HIV transmission and being HIV+: [http://www.medicinenet.com/hiv-aids_quiz/quiz.htm](http://www.medicinenet.com/hiv-aids_quiz/quiz.htm); View Origin of AIDS – Epidemiology and research theories. (70 minutes)
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoBjkZv_Bp0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoBjkZv_Bp0)

Class # 2 – HIV Epidemiology: A Historical Perspective

Weekly overview:
This week we will focus on the history of the HIV epidemic in the United States. We will explore the connection between epidemiology and social work, through research study designs and client interviews.
Weekly objectives:
1. Distinguish the definitions of epidemiology and HIV related terminology
2. Describe how various disenfranchised groups are captured through HIV epidemiological data collection; Tuskegee syphilis experiment & polio vaccine trials

Lecture / Instructional Tools:
- Video: And the Band Played On (1993) 141 minutes (View Part I – 70 min), Cholera & Ebola – Epidemiological investigation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG1VNSCsP5Q] & [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZIFaZkvg]

Required Readings:
- Poindexter, C (Eds.) (2010) Handbook of HIV and Social Work: HIV Social work Roles, Tasks, and Challenges in Health Care Settings Chapter 7(pp.103-119)

JOURNAL # 1: Due on ONE (1) Reading, Please upload into CANVAS / Assignments before class.

Class # 3  –  HIV Virology and Testing

Weekly overview:
This week we will conclude epidemiological assessment of the HIV epidemic in the United States. We will explore the options for HIV testing while investigating the outcomes provided.

Weekly objectives:
1. Outline the historical and practical methods of HIV testing
2. Evaluate the outcomes of HIV testing demographic data sheets in conjunction with the NJ State Department of Health reports.

Lecture / Instructional Tools:

Required Readings:

JOURNAL # 2: Due on ONE (1) Reading. Please upload into CANVAS Assignment before class.

Class # 4 – Basics in HIV Treatment and Prevention

Weekly overview:
This week we will introduce a medical exploration of how HIV infects the immune system while highlighting the opportunistic infections that could be evident to those infected with HIV.

Weekly objectives:
1. Outline an overview of human immune system
2. Explore HIV life cycle and disease progression and evidence-based HIV prevention programs of the CDC
3. Review HIV prevention and vaccine research, HIV disease management & holistic approaches, HIV treatment adherence across the lifespan
4. Investigate the role of social workers in HIV healthcare settings (Pediatrics, adult & geriatric)

Lecture / Instructional Tools:
- Presentation of HIV life cycle, review of medication adherence & management, Group activities: The condom Challenge PDF; Gender & stigma- Life cycle exercise (PDF) Self-exploration Test & STDs / HIV PDF -. Discussion & video- Barriers to care for Latinos. (Merck RX DVD)

Required Readings:
- Web content from The Body by David Wohl, MD on Top HIV-Related Clinical Developments of 2010 (12/8/10; pp 1-5) http://www.thebody.com/content/art59769.html?getPage=1

JOURNAL # 3: Due on ONE (1) Reading, Please upload into CANVAS Assignments before class.

Class # 5 – HIV Policy and Programs

Weekly overview:
This week we will explore the macro aspects of HIV social work through global, federal & state policies.

Weekly objectives:

2. Explore global approaches to HIV interventions: macro NGO's.

3. Outline a brief history of HIV social work through the GMHC grassroots organizations and the buddy programs.


5. Examine the federal policies of Ryan White programs, PEPFA, and state-run programs for PLWA. [https://hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program](https://hab.hrsa.gov/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program/about-ryan-white-hivaids-program)

**Lecture / Instructional Tools:**


**Required Readings:**


- Web content from the Kaiser Family Foundation on *HIV/AIDS Policy* (Fact Sheet, Feb 2009) [http://www.kff.org/hivaids/upload/7582_05.pdf](http://www.kff.org/hivaids/upload/7582_05.pdf)

- Web content from NJDHSS – Division of HIV/AIDS Services on available HIV client services in NJ (2010), located in the FAQ section at [http://www.state.nj.us/health/aids/faqs.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/aids/faqs.shtml)

**JOURNAL# 4:** Due on ONE (1) Reading, Please upload into CANVAS Assignment before class.

**Class #6 – Issues of HIV stigma and disclosure**

**Weekly overview:**

This week we will explore the policies and practices that perpetuate the stigmas and bias associated with HIV, exploring the Intersectionality issues for individuals living with HIV.
Weekly objectives:
1. Outline common phobias, prejudices, beliefs, and biases that contribute to the development of HIV societal stigma and discriminatory practices.
2. Explore the impact of stigma on HIV policy formation and service access/delivery.
3. Examine the HIV health outcome implications associated with existing stigma, phobia, and discrimination, while highlighting the ethical considerations regarding HIV status disclosure of oneself or others.

Lecture / Instructional Tools:

Required Readings:

JOURNAL # 5: Due on ONE (1) Reading, - Please upload into CANVAS Assignment before class.

Class #7 – Bio-psycho-social considerations in HIV care

Weekly overview:
This week we will explore the relationship between ethnicity, culture, gender & HIV and highlight biopsychosocial assessments practices for social workers.
Weekly objectives:
1. Identify cultural & gender characteristics of HIV clients and measure accessibility and reliance on beneficial health outcomes.
2. Explore the impact of health beliefs, health literacy & cultural competency of those infected & affected by HIV.
3. Explore the psychological, emotional, cultural, spiritual and societal issues related to HIV status through a SEM (Social Ecological Model) approach.

Lecture / Instructional Tools:

Required Readings:
- Perry N. Halkitis, Kristen D. Krause & (2017) *Mental Health, Psychosocial Challenges and Resilience in Older Adults Living with HIV* ( 187 – 204)


Class # 8 – Social Work Interventions in HIV Care: Part I

Weekly overview:
This week we will explore the psychological perspective living with HIV, while focusing on treatment adherence and resiliency, building up to an embodiment of holistic care.

Weekly objectives:
1. Explore the role and functions of HIV medical social workers, while servicing child, adolescent, adult and elderly populations.
2. Review the individual, group aspects of therapeutic interventions.
3. Discuss outcome of treatment adherence and harm-reducing models.
4. Investigate increasing HIV + population (women) within the USA, and how the Social worker treatment plans should accommodate the increasing population.

**Lecture / Instructional Tools:**

**Required Readings:**

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**Spring Break  No Class**

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**Class # 9 - Social Work Interventions in HIV Care: Part II**

**Weekly overview:**
This week we will investigate social worker interventional strategies in HIV that will incubus a micro, mezzo, and macro supportive interventional framework.

**Weekly objectives:**
1. Investigate HIV harm reduction models in care, support group modalities and patients as service providers @ non-profit centers.
2. Explore the outcome of individual, group and community support services for those infected & affected by HIV

**Lecture / Instructional Tools:**
- Explore domestic & international case management systems, review health belief models – group exercise- role play HIV support group activity. View film: House of Numbers: Anatomy of an Epidemic - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwgmzbnckII](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwgmzbnckII)

**Required Readings**
- Wing, E. J. (2016), *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*: HIV, and aging: Accepted 6 October 2016 (pp. 61-69)

**Class # 10 –** **(FINAL PAPER DUE TODAY) *****Uploaded to CANVAS**
- Student presentations ( 5 or 6 )

**Class # 11**
- Student presentations ( 5 or 6 )

**Class # 12 –**
- Student Presentations ( 5 or 6 )

**Class # 13: Men and HIV**
Weekly overview:
This week we will investigate the modalities of transmission on gender-specific populations with HIV: Men. Their choice of sexual partners, identity, and experience will be explored throughout the lifespan. Intersectionality of ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic class and spirituality research will provide a unique experiential viewpoint for enhancing clinical practices.

Weekly objectives:
1. Explore Male sexual transmission: men having sex with men, men having sex with women, men who do not identify with sexual preference or gender.
2. Define MSM- homophobia, down-low, barebacking, & transgendered.
3. Discuss barriers to HIV care and the role of HIV social worker within this realm.

Lecture / Instructional Tools:
- Host-guest speaker to recount HIV personal experiences & living with chronic illness.

Required Readings:
- Poindexter, C (Eds.) (2010) *Handbook of HIV and Social Work*: HIV- Prevention and Services for gay, Bisexual, and other men who have sex with men: Now is still the Time Chapter 14 (pp.211-225)
- Red Cross, 2018 : [https://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/lgbtq-donors](https://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/lgbtq-donors)
Weekly overview:
This week we will explore the modalities of transmission on specific populations: HIV and Women. Their choice of sexual partners, identity, and experience will be examined throughout the lifespan. Intersectionality of ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic class and spirituality research will provide a unique experiential viewpoint for enhancing clinical practices. We will study the transmission to children, in-utero, along with the treatment modalities toward prevention.

Weekly objectives:
1. Explore female sexual transmission: men having sex with women, women having sex with women, Trans-gender (MTF & FTM), women who do not identify with sexual preference or gender across the lifespan.
2. Discuss in-utero transmission, prevention & treatment interventions and children living with HIV. Particular emphasis will be placed on disclosure rights and HIPPA protection.

Lecture / Instructional Tools:

Required Readings:
- Sangarlangkarn, A. & Appelbaum, J. (2016): Caring for Older Adults with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus: JAGS 64:2322–2329
Class #15 – Spirituality, Palliative care & self-care in HIV social work

Weekly overview:
This week we will explore the Intersectionality of spirituality and HIV, focusing on how to utilize a client's spiritual connection within their treatment plan. We will further review palliative/hospice/end-of-life care, proxies, and extended family support in a micro & macro realm. Concluding with the importance of self-care within HIV social work.

Weekly objectives:
1. Explore how to incorporate spirituality strengths within HIV therapeutic services through a full bio-psychosocial assessment, while understanding the various spiritual coping mechanism that are present.
2. Assess student’s end-of-life clinical experiences through readings & group discussions.
3. Investigate methods of social worker's self-care and create individual & unique coping strategies to be shared with the class.

Lecture/Discussion

Required Readings:


**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

All work submitted in a graduate course must be your own.

It is unethical and a violation of the University’s Academic Integrity Policy to present the ideas or words of another without clearly and fully identifying the source. Inadequate citations will be construed as an attempt to misrepresent the cited material as your own. Use the APA citation style which is described in the Publication manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition.

Plagiarism is the representation of the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise. To avoid plagiarism, every direct quotation must be identified by quotation marks or by appropriate indentation and must be properly cited in the text or footnote. Acknowledgement is required when material from another source is stored in print, electronic, or other medium and is paraphrased or summarized in whole or in part in one’s own words. To acknowledge a paraphrase properly, one might state: “to paraphrase Plato’s comment...” and conclude with a footnote identifying the exact reference. A footnote acknowledging only a directly quoted statement does not suffice to notify the reader of any preceding or succeeding paraphrased material. Information which is common knowledge, such as names of leaders of prominent nations, basic scientific laws, etc., need not be footnoted; however, all facts or information obtained in reading or research that are not common knowledge among students in the course must be acknowledged. In addition to materials specifically cited in the text, only materials that contribute to one’s general understanding of the subject may be acknowledged in the bibliography. Plagiarism can, in some cases, be a subtle issue. Any question about what constitutes plagiarism should be discussed with the faculty member.

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If the material supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus’ disability services office will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS website at: https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**Article Readings- Located in the CANVAS site under Resources & Assignments**


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*Top HIV-Related Clinical Developments of 2010* (12/8/10; pp 1-5)  http://www.thebody.com/content/art59769.html?getPage=1

Web content from the Kaiser Family Foundation on:


Web content from NJDHSS – Division of HIV/AIDS Services on:
Available HIV client services in NJ (2010), located in the FAQ section at http://www.state.nj.us/health/aids/faqs.shtml

Web content from the Open Society Foundation on:


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**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK – Intersectionality Research Paper**

**Intersectionality Research Paper on HBSE: Social Work Perspective on AIDS (40%): (Due Class # 10)**

Students will be required to select an Intersectionality topic of their interest that concerns an issue relevant to HIV / AIDS. A List of HIV related Films is attached to a separate document that depicts
individuals with HIV and how the disease affects them in a micro and macro settings. The theme of HIV and how the unique experience HIV tied in with an Intersectionality theme throughout the film will be the premise for discussing HIV with this research paper. You will research minimum five scholarly articles that support and explore the HIV Intersectionality theme you have chosen.

Topics include HIV & poverty, HIV & sexuality, HIV & cultural stereotypes, are some broad examples of the Research appear thesis. The HIV/ AIDS Films listed below will be used to extract an AIDS-related client – system, research the topic in depth and provide information on the scope and impact of the issue on AIDS, as well as potential treatment or programmatic solutions. (Should NOT contain summary of the film) The requirements are the following.

1) First, choose ONE of the Films below, a topic of your interest that is closely related to HIV / AIDS’s Intersectionality social and economic, and political status in our society.
2) Identify and discuss the importance and significance of the intersectionality topics as they are interconnected with the macro/mezzo and micro relations within social work.
3) State “what is it, exactly, regarding the topic that you want to research in the paper” (e.g., the issue as a social problem, the theory that explains the problem, policy responses, effectiveness of policy responses, guidelines for practice, etc.).
4) Review the literature thoroughly & systemically. Must use at least five (5) scholarly articles.
5) Connect the Intersectionality theme of the film to the research articles. Please remember to identify and discuss how social system (family, neighborhood/community, workplace, government, societies, public policies, etc.) treat HIV /AIDS & what you think of those treatments.
6) Discuss broad implications of the Intersectionality issues for HIV/ AIDS and how social work practices could be or are enhanced/explored through this point.
7) Discuss policy and practice implications (macro) of the contents of your research.
8) Include at least 3 (Three) to 5 (five) NJ / NY or PA State / County resources, with original forms- referrals, & proof of application as relevant and current HIV /AIDS resources. ( Try your best to research and access the application as if you were the client or service provider )
9) Conclude your paper by offering a summary of the Intersectionality HIV issue (in a couple of sentences) and your final thoughts on the topic (How did this impact you as a social worker?)
10) It is expected that the Intersectionality research paper includes references from this course (text, required readings, bibliography, lecture), and a minimum of five (5) outside empirical and theoretical SCHOLARLY sources that relate to the client or agency. If you have concerns about what constitutes an academic source, please consult with your instructor.
11) Also, you must include at least (3) to (5) NJ / NY or PA State / County resources, with original forms- referrals, & proof of application
12) Remember the following as well:
   o Paper should be 09-12 pages long
   o Should be coherent, logical, and well-written, typo-free papers
   o Should use subheadings, organizing your discussions & thoughts
   o Should have introduction as well as conclusion sections
   o Should cite all others’ work (scholarly publications are preferred) that you used
   o Upload into CANVAS through Turnitin.com
   o Should follow APA writing style.

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● All written assignments must be typed double-spaced with 1-inch margins, using 12-point New Times Roman font and adhere to APA format for footnotes and citation references.
● Grammar and spelling will be considered during grading, and the professor reserves the right to reduce the numerical grade for papers that do not meet the expected composition standards for written assignments submitted by graduate students
  o The final research paper is due in WEEK 10 and should be posted on CANVAS Assignment section

Intersectionality Research Oral & Visual Presentation (10%):

All students will be required to present their final papers in three class sessions in a professional manner (PowerPoint / Prezi). This document (PowerPoint / Prezi) will be submitted to CANVAS Presentation Assignment Assignment before the Presentation date. The presentation will be 10-15 minutes, citing topic, supporting research articles and theme of HIV / AIDS discussion.

The Student Presentations will be held over three Class Sessions:

- Class # 10:
- Class # 11
- Class # 12

The instructor will open up the above dates to the students, and each student may select their time: The visual materials should be posted on CANVAS Presentation Assignment Assignment section before the presentations.

- List of Movies: See attached list in CANVAS Assignment section
  Films are to be used as a reference point to understand the Intersectionality Issues existing within individual/ groups/systems with HIV / AIDS.