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SW516 Social Welfare Policy and Services
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Honor Statement

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Course Description

This course establishes connection between social welfare policy and social work practice. As such, first, the historic foundations of the social work profession with its societal philosophy and mission are taught. Second, theoretical frameworks pertaining to formulation and analysis of social welfare policies are addressed. Current social welfare policies and services as well as the contemporary economic, social, political, and organizational processes, factors and forces shaping these policies are examined within these frameworks. Particular emphasis is put on the development and implementation of policies within organizations and the roles social workers assume as critical thinkers in effecting change. The practice of policy is regarded as a tool to understanding and influencing the policymaking process as it is shaped by various organizational forces and effect service delivery. Finally, the history, evolution and current status of social welfare policies and services in the United States are presented and critically analyzed in terms of their responsiveness to the needs of the society in general, and to the needs of the vulnerable, high risk groups in particular, within the principles of equality, social and economic justice and fairness, non-