

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

**SW 532: Short-Term Interventions**  
Course Outline  
Spring 2004

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**Class time:** Thursday, 5:30-8:30 pm  
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Thursday, 4:30-5:30 pm  
on class days  
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when class does not meet

**Course Design:**

This course is designed as a combination of online and face-to-face interactions. The class will meet as a group a total of four times (1/22, 2/19, 3/25, 4/22) during the course of the semester. The remainder of the course will be conducted online via Blackboard, to which students will be introduced during the first class meeting (1/22). The online portion of the course will employ online quizzes, discussion boards, and other assignments as prescribed by the instructor. The instructor will be extensively available via e-mail, discussion boards, and chat rooms to facilitate student learning. However, this format requires a considerable amount of self-direction on the part of students enrolled in the course.

**Required Texts:**

Corwin, M. (2002). *Brief treatment in clinical social work practice*. Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.

James, R.K., & Gilliland, B.E. (Eds.)(2001). *Crisis intervention strategies* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.

**Course Requirements:**

*Weekly Quizzes (30% of final grade)* – A total of 12 weekly quizzes will be administered in an online format through Blackboard. Questions for the quizzes will be derived from that week's readings, and will not be cumulative. Students must complete and submit each week's quiz prior to Midnight (i.e., 11:59 PM) on the last day of the week. For example, Week 2 is January 22 – 28. Therefore, the quiz on that week's material (Theories and Models of Crisis Intervention) must be submitted by 11:59 PM on Jan. 28.

*Discussion Boards (30% of final grade)* – The purpose of the discussion boards is to provide students with an opportunity to reflect on and respond to issues raised by the weekly readings. For 12 weekly sessions, discussion questions will be posted on Blackboard related to that week's readings. Students are to 1) respond to the questions posed, and 2) respond to at least 2 other students' comments. Each discussion board will be open for 7 days, closing at 11:59 PM on the last day of the week (Weds.). Students are encouraged to post their initial comments early during this period and then visit the discussion board a minimum of two times in order to respond to other students' postings. Postings and responses must be substantive. In other words, comments such as "good point, Susan" or "I agree with Tom" are





**Week 10**      **Topic: Intervention**      **Mar. 18 – 24, 2004**

Readings: Corwin, Chapter 5 – The Intervention Phase, pp. 75-109.

Assignment: Quiz and Discussion Board

**\*\*\*Class meeting on March 25, 2004\*\*\***

### **MODULE 3 APPLICATIONS OF CRISIS INTERVENTION AND BRIEF TREATMENT**

**Week 11**      **Topic: Suicide and Violence**      **Mar. 25 – 31, 2004**

Readings: James & Gilliland, Chapter 5 – Crisis of Lethality, pp. 195-228.  
Chapter 10 – Violent Behavior in Institutions, pp. 471-514.  
Chapter 11 – Crises in Schools, 515-570.

Assignment: Quiz and Discussion Board

**Week 12**      **Topic: Sexual Assault and Physical Abuse**      **Apr. 1 – 7, 2004**

Readings: James & Gilliland, Chapter 6 – Sexual Assault, pp. 229-281.  
Chapter 7 – Partner Violence, pp. 282-342.

Assignment: Quiz and Discussion Board

**Week 13**      **Topic: Trauma and Loss, Substance Abuse, Mental Health**      **Apr. 8 – 14, 2004**

Readings: Corwin, Chapter 7 – Working Briefly with Complex Clinical Problems:  
Community Mental Health Care, pp. 146 – 180.

James & Gilliland, Chapter 4 – Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, pp. 129-194.  
Chapter 8 – Chemical Dependency, pp. 343-419.  
Chapter 9 – Personal Loss, pp. 420-468.

Assignment: Quiz and Discussion Board

**Week 14**      **Topic: Healthcare, HMOs, and EAPs**      **Apr. 15 – 21, 2004**

Readings: Corwin, Chapter 8 – Brief Social Work Practice in Health Care, pp. 181-210.  
Chapter 9 – Brief Treatment in Health Maintenance Organizations  
and Employee Assistance Programs, pp. 211-236.

Assignment: Quiz and Discussion Board

**\*\*\*Class meeting on April 22, 2004\*\*\***