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Section 008, Spring 2016 (2 credit hours)

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Course Description
This is a required advanced curriculum course. Organizational management knowledge, leadership skills required in development and management of structure, resources, and cultures of human services delivery systems. Administration financial knowledge and skills in budgeting, resource allocation, marketing, and expenditure control. Issues regarding organizational management change in organizations, communities, and national global contexts.

Course Rationale
This advanced course prepares students for assuming leadership roles in human service and social change delivery systems. Social work managers, coordinators, supervisors, and community practitioners need a working knowledge of contemporary management practices and leadership skills. It is critical that leaders in the human services develop an effective style of leadership and acquire the competence and skills necessary to assist in the management of human services and social change organizations.

Course Competencies
By the completion of this course, the students are expected to be able to demonstrate:

1. Articulate principles of organization, administration, and strategic planning and community change tactics that promote social and economic justice, combat discrimination and oppression, and increase access to resources.
   2.4, 2.5, 3.2 (Content: Social problem identification and problem-solving strategies; Definition and types of planning; Strategic planning and management; Program design and development; Developing action plans. Meeting strategies; Community assessment protocols; Community interface strategies).

2. Identify sound management practices related to personnel, resource allocation, information technology, and decision-making that is based on scientific analysis,
synthesis of empirical data, evaluation outcomes, and other information. 2.5, 4.3
(Content: Definitions and functions of management; Management as an evidence-based process; Comparisons of private, non-profit human service organizations and private businesses; Strategies for organizing work activities in organizations; Controlling and influencing staff behavior).

3. Describe techniques of team-building, collaboration, coordination in organizational and community practice settings, and understanding of influences and implications of culture, geography, community, gender, religion, politics, ideology, and other identities and orientations on different world views. 2.2, 3.4, 3.5, 4.5 (Content: Team building; Development of coalitions; Conflict resolution; Task group processes and dynamics; Social work in multi-cultural organizations and communities; Women and other under-represented groups in management; Leadership collaboration in diverse communities).

4. Demonstrate skills in financial management, resource procurement, expenditure analysis, program design, and marketing for diverse, multi-level client systems. 4.3 (Content: Managing agency budgets and finances; Funding and resources procurement (grant-writing); The imperative of funding source diversification).

5. Identify theoretical principles of leadership and management, and interdisciplinary teams and define issues, collect data and develop interventions, taking into account different cultural identities and belief systems. 3.3, 4.3 (Content: Management theories and their historical origins; Concepts of leadership, organizations, and management; Multi-culturalism and diversity issues in management and program administration; Knowledge and theories of cultures and people of color; Deficit and non-deficit theories/perspectives and implications for macro-practice; Networking; boundary spanning; futuring; task group process and coalition leadership; conflict management; program development; multidisciplinary teamwork).

6. Articulate core values and ethical standards of the social work profession within diverse management, organizational, and community practice settings. 1.1, 1.3 (Content: NASW and NABSW Code of Ethics; Ethics and values in management and administration; Case studies on ethical dilemmas in leadership; Ethical guidelines for social work managers in organizational settings; The political arena and other environmental influences in leadership).

7. Assess cultural diversity in organizations and communities, its impact on management, macro-level interventions and resources, and program development. 2.2, 2.5, 3.2 (Content: Creating and maintaining staff diversity in organizational settings; socio-demographic characteristics, customs and traditions of major ethnic groups in the U.S. and abroad; Equal employment opportunity laws and affirmative action; The Americans with Disabilities Act; Ethnic-sensitive social work practice).

8. Analyze the organizational, political, economic and cultural factors that influence stability and change. 3.3, 3.4 (Content-Effects of age, race, ethnicity, social and economic class, culture, religion, spirituality, and sexual orientation on service delivery and formulation of ethically sound, empirical, best practice intervention strategies; core
components of organizational dynamics and analysis (e.g., culture, structure, power, informal and formal communication, employee relationships and functioning, workplace discrimination, bullying and harassment, assertiveness); assessment and intervention strategies with regard to challenging decision-makers in organizations, communities, and society to be responsive to diverse client needs and assets).

INSTRUCTOR EXPECTATIONS OF ALL STUDENTS:

✓ Demonstrated professional growth and development and maturation in critical thinking capacity as it relates to leadership concepts and issues, social work micro and macro practice, social welfare policy, and current local, national, and international issues;

✓ Demonstrated ability to effectively work in teams to complete a comprehensive community and leadership analysis in a timely manner;

✓ Demonstrated ability to prepare for and actively engage in a challenging public speaking exercise that describes a strategic plan that you developed for a fictional community scenario.

Required Textbook:


Recommended/Supplemental Readings:


Course Structure and Organization of Learning Modules.

The class will meet once per week for a 2-hour period. Most course content will be provided through interactive lecturettes combined with Power Point class presentations by the instructor. The Power Point slides will include content from the supplemental readings cited, as well as content from current scholarly literature and research on leadership, leadership issues, and how they relate to the social work profession, and you as future social work professionals. The Power Point slides will be provided to the class electronically. Students are responsible for knowing the information.

Course Requirements, Assignments, and Grading:
The final grade in the class will be based upon the following criterion and their corresponding grade percentages:

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<td>· Leadership Assessment/Analysis Paper</td>
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Total = 100%

**Leadership Assessment and Analysis (LA/A) Term Paper** (20% of final grade)

(Course Competencies #3, #5, and #6)

Students are responsible for writing and submitting individual term papers for this assignment, which is due on February 17, 2016. The LA/A paper is a critical thinking exercise that integrates leadership concepts and models with student perceptions of leadership reality. Students will analyze the historical evolution and leadership style of a current or past leader from the public, private, or political sector, as well as assess their own leadership style. The target for analysis will be a well-known local, state, national, international leader (or historical leader), who has been “in the news” from the public, private, government/political, military, or private, non-profit sector. Detailed assignment specifications will be provided by the instructor.

The Leadership Assessment and Analysis term paper addresses the following course
**competencies:**

Articulate core values and ethical standards of the social work profession within diverse management, organizational, and community practice settings.--- Describe techniques of team-building, collaboration, coordination in organizational and community practice settings, and understanding of influences and implications of culture, geography, community, gender, religion, politics, ideology, and other identities and orientations on different world views.-----Identify theoretical principles of leadership and management, and interdisciplinary teams and define issues, collect data and develop interventions, taking into account different cultural identities and belief systems.

Graduate level work includes an ability to synthesize one’s experience and knowledge into an explanation that illuminates theory and an understanding of the course material. The writing of papers is expected to be organized, succinct in conceptualization and syntax, and grammatically correct. Even if you use a computer with spell-check capability, it is imperative that you proofread your work. Your final paper is expected to be well-written and error-free.

The usage of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA)(6th ed.) format including the use of headings/subheadings, reference list, and title page is expected to be used as a guide for writing and citing sources. The APA formats will be rigidly evaluated for accuracy, and proper APA style will carry significant weight in the final LA/A term paper grade.

Grading criteria for term papers will include, but not be limited to:

- Adherence to assignment specifications;
- Quality and clarity of writing and organization;
- Comprehensiveness;
- Level of analysis and understanding of course content applied;
- The extent to which course concepts, discussion and readings are reflected in the writing; and
- Submission of assignments on the dates specified within the guidelines provided.
- Extent of adherence to APA writing rules.

Students who have writing issues or want to improve their writing should consult the University of Tennessee writing center.

**Examinations I and II:**

*(Course Competencies #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, and #8)*

**Examination #1** Examination I will be held on Mar 9 and will represent **25%** of your final grade. Exam I will cover material from class sessions #1-8 (Jan 13 - Mar 2), and will address the following **course competencies:**
Identify theoretical principles of leadership and management, and interdisciplinary teams and define issues, collect data and develop interventions, taking into account different cultural identities and belief systems----- Identify sound management practices related to personnel, resource allocation, information technology, and decision-making that is based on scientific analysis, synthesis of empirical data, evaluation outcomes, and other information----- Articulate core values and ethical standards of the social work profession within diverse management, organizational, and community practice settings----- Articulate principles of organization, administration, and strategic planning and community change tactics that promote social and economic justice, combat discrimination and oppression, and increase access to resources----- Describe techniques of team-building, collaboration, coordination in organizational and community practice settings, and understanding of influences and implications of culture, geography, community, gender, religion, politics, ideology, and other identities and orientations on different world views----- Demonstrate skills in financial management, resource procurement, expenditure analysis, program design, and marketing for diverse, multi-level client systems.

Examination #2: Examination II (“Take-home”) will be due on May 5th, and will represent 10% of your final grade. Exam II will cover material from class sessions #10-16 (Mar 10 - April 27), and will address the following course competencies:

Assess cultural diversity in organizations and communities, its impact on management, macro-level interventions and resources, and program development----- Analyze the organizational, political, economic and cultural factors that influence stability and change.

EXAM FORMAT: The format for the examinations may be a combination of true/false, multiple choice, definitions, short answer questions, and/or short or extended essay questions.

“Virtual Community Leadership Simulation” (VCLS) Exercise

([Combined VCLS elements represent] Course Competencies #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, 6, #7, and #8)

All students will participate in a critical thinking and interactive exercise called a Virtual Community leadership Simulation (VCLS). Students will be provided with a fictional leadership case study based on an actual urban community scenario that occurred in the past. The case study is a macro practice scenario about public welfare, intergovernmental relations, community intervention, problem-solving, and program design. Individual students will be assigned to specific roles that represent different stakeholders. All students will be provided with contextual information for each of their assigned characters and/or interest groups, and they will simulate those characters or interest groups during a series of simulated public meetings to be held on March 30, April 6, April 13, and April 27.

The “virtual” nature of this experiential exercise will require and enhance critical thinking, planning, political analysis, public speaking, and teamwork, and it will provide students with unique insight into advanced leadership nuances, and the many different dynamics associated with community-level analysis and interventions. All characters in the VCLS will be provided with scenario-specific challenges to be addressed prior to and during the meeting. The VCLS will be videotaped. Detailed assignment specifications will be provided, including the specific roles that each student will simulate. Individual student grades will be given for the VCLS Project. This means that each individual will be graded for his/her work alone, even though it is an “interactive” group-oriented project.
There are three (3) interactive and public speaking elements of the VCLS which will be evaluated by the instructor:

1. **VCLS Organization Action Plan Presentation** (10% of final grade).

   All students will submit a detailed outline of their action plan for the Commission meeting one week before the Commission Meeting. Details will be provided, but the Action Plan will include an overall goal, specific objectives, a specific and evidence-based strategy for attainment of the stated objectives, and an outline of information to be presented at the VCLS. All students will individually present their organization Action Plans to the audience.

2. **VCLS Trilateral Group Strategic Plan development** (10% of final grade).

3. **VCLS Trilateral group presentations** (10% of final grade).

Other individual assignments include development of the VCLS Action Plan, a VCLS political strategy, and maintenance and submission of a political contact log. The percentage of your grade for each of these is listed in the course requirement section of the syllabus, and will be discussed during class.

The **combined VCLs elements** (i.e., Action Plan development/presentation; strategic plan development and presentation; political strategy development and contact log) address the following **course competencies**:

- Identify theoretical principles of leadership and management, and interdisciplinary teams and define issues, collect data and develop interventions, taking into account different cultural identities and belief systems——
- Identify sound management practices related to personnel, resource allocation, information technology, and decision-making that is based on scientific analysis, synthesis of empirical data, evaluation outcomes, and other information——
- Articulate core values and ethical standards of the social work profession within diverse management, organizational, and community practice settings——
- Articulate principles of organization, administration, and strategic planning and community change tactics that promote social and economic justice, combat discrimination and oppression, and increase access to resources——
- Describe techniques of team-building, collaboration, coordination in organizational and community practice settings, and understanding of influences and implications of culture, geography, community, gender, religion, politics, ideology, and other identities and orientations on different world views——
- Demonstrate skills in financial management, resource procurement, expenditure analysis, program design, and marketing for diverse, multi-level client systems——
- Assess cultural diversity in organizations and communities, its impact on management, macro-level interventions and resources, and program development——
- Analyze the organizational, political, economic and cultural factors that influence stability and change.
**Grading Scale**

The following grading scale will be used for final course grade.

- **A** (95-100) Outstanding/Superior – Exceptional performance. Consistently exceeds expectations.
- **B+** (90-94) Very Good – Student consistently meets and occasionally exceeds normal expectations for the course.
- **B** (85-89) Good – Student consistently meets normal expectations for the course.
- **C+** (80-84) Average – There is unevenness in grasping course content. Student is inconsistent in meeting the normal expectations for the course.
- **C** (70-79) Poor – There is a lack of understanding of course content. Student does not meet course expectations.
- **F** (69 < ) Very Poor – There is a lack of attendance or incomplete or unacceptable assignments. Course expectations are not met.

**Course Outline** *

*Note: The instructor reserves the right to make adjustments to schedule and topics*

**Week 1 and Week 2**

**Wed, Jan 13 and Wed, Jan 20**

**Scheduled topics**

- Introductions, review of course syllabus and assignments
- Overview of leadership in social work and social welfare
- Leadership/management theory
- Interdisciplinary teams/issues
- The Scientific method and social work intervention
- Critical thinking and evidence-based social work practice
- The role of Ideology/belief systems in leadership
- “Leadership in the News”

*Learning Content: (a) management theories and their historical origins, (b) concepts of leadership, organizations, and management, (d) multi-culturalism and diversity issues in management and program administration, (e) knowledge and theories of cultures and people of color, (f) deficit and non-deficit theories/perspectives and implications for macro-practice, (g) networking, (h) boundary spanning, (i)
futuring, (j) task group process and coalition leadership, (k) conflict management, (l) program development and (m) multidisciplinary teamwork

Supplemental/Recommended Readings:

Bowie et al., Voices from the welfare vortex: A descriptive profile of urban, low-income women on the eve of devolution
Brody, Handling communications and conflict.
Weinbach, Historical origins of current approaches; The context of human service management; Planning; Organizing; Controlling.
Kettner, Theory for the management of human service organizations.
Kirst-Ashman & Hull, Using micro skills in the macro environment; Group skills for organizational and community change.
Kouzes & Posner, The practices and commitments of exemplary leadership.
Netting et al., Organizations as arenas of change.
Lum, Social work knowledge and theory.
Sowers and Rowe, Social work throughout the world.

Week 3
Wed, Jan 27

Scheduled topics (cont. from Week 2)

- Overview of leadership in social work and social welfare
- Leadership/management theory
- Interdisciplinary teams/issues
- The Scientific method and social work intervention
- Critical thinking and evidence-based social work practice
- The role of Ideology/belief systems in leadership
- “Leadership in the News”

Learning Content: (a) management theories and their historical origins, (b) concepts of leadership, organizations, and management, (d) multi-culturalism and diversity issues in management and program administration, (e) knowledge and theories of cultures and people of color, (f) deficit and non-deficit theories/perspectives and implications for macro-practice, (g) networking, (h) boundary spanning, (i) futuring, (j) task group process and coalition leadership, (k) conflict management, (l) program development and (m) multidisciplinary teamwork

Week 4
Wed, Feb 3
Scheduled topics

- Identification of sound and proven management practices
- Issues related to personnel, technology, IT, and decision-making
- Synthesis of empirical data for evaluative purposes
- “Leadership in the News”

Learning Module Content: (a) definitions and functions of management, (b) management as an evidence-based process, (c) comparisons of private, non-profit human service organizations and private businesses, (d) strategies for organizing work activities in organizations and (e) controlling and influencing staff behavior

Supplemental Readings:

Brody, Leading the organization; Organizational structure and processes; Organizational leadership and supervision; Setting doable objectives.
Brueggemann, The practice of social work administration
Tsui, Social Work Supervision
Bowie, Privatized management in urban public housing communities.
Kettner, Using structure to facilitate and support achievement of the agency’s mission.

Week 5
Wed, Feb 10

Scheduled topics

- Core values of the social work profession
- Diversity and social work values in communities
- “Leadership in the News”

Learning Module Content: (a) NASW and NABSW Code of Ethics, (b) ethics and values in management and administration, (c) case studies on ethical dilemmas in leadership, (d) ethical guidelines for social work managers in organizational settings and (e) the political arena and other environmental influences in leadership

Supplemental/Recommended Readings:

Ginsberg & Keys, The politics of human services administration.
Manning, The essence of ethical leadership; The context for ethical leadership.
National Association of Black Social Workers, NABSW Code of Ethics
Week 6  
Wed, Feb 17

*** Leadership Assessment/Analysis Paper Due Today ***

Scheduled topics

- Organizational problem-solving and change tactics
- Community problem-solving and change tactics
- Promoting social/economic justice
- Taking a stand against discrimination and oppression
- “Leadership in the News”

*Learning Module Content:* (a) social problem identification and problem-solving strategies, (b) definition and types of planning, (c) strategic planning and management, (d) program design and development, (e) developing action plans, (f) meeting strategies, (g) community assessment protocols, (h) community interface strategies

Supplemental Readings:

Brody, Problem-solving; Designing and developing consumer-oriented programs; Strategic Planning; Agency-environment relations; Understanding task environments; Organizational structure and processes; Organizational leadership and supervision; Setting doable objectives.

Brueggemann, Social problems and the Challenge of macro social work; Rational problem-solving and social thinking; The practice of social work program development.

Netting et al., Understanding communities; Analyzing communities; Changing macro systems; Planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating macro intervention.

Weinbach, Planning.

Week 7  
Wed, Feb 24

Scheduled topics
• Team-building
• Collaboration and coordination in community and organizational settings
• The influences and implications of culture, politics, ideology, etc., on worldviews
• “Leadership in the News”

Learning Module Content: (a) Team-building; (b) Development of coalitions; (c) conflict resolution; (d) task group processes and dynamics; (e) Social work in multi-cultural organizations; (f) Women and other under-represented groups in management; (g) Leadership collaboration in diverse communities.

Supplemental Readings:

Brody, Developing and coordinating human services; Designing and developing consumer-oriented programs; Strategic planning; The practice of community organization; Handling communities and conflict; Developing and coordinating human services.
Brueggemann, The practice of community organization.
Ginsberg & Keys, managing the new multicultural workplace; Women and social work management.
Kettner, Using job and work design creatively to achieve maximum employee performance.
Perlmutter et al., Supporting diversity.
Weinbach, Creating and managing diversity.

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Week 8
Wed, Mar 2

Scheduled topics

• Skills for resource procurement/grant-writing
• Funding diversification
• Organizational, political, and cultural factors that influence stability and change in American society.
• The impact of cultural diversity on management, macro-level interventions and resources, and program development.
• “Leadership in the News”

Learning Module Content: (a) Creating and maintaining staff diversity in organizational settings; (b) socio-demographic characteristics, customs, traditions of major ethnic groups in the United States and abroad (c) Equal employment opportunity laws and affirmative action; (d) the Americans with Disabilities Act; (e) Ethnic-sensitive social work practice; (a) effects of age, race, ethnicity, social and economic class, culture, religion, spirituality, and sexual orientation on service delivery and formulation of ethically sound, empirical, best practice intervention strategies, (b) core components of organizational dynamics and analysis (e.g., culture, structure, power, informal and formal communication, employee relationships and functioning, workplace discrimination, bullying and harassment, assertiveness; (c) Assessment and
intervention strategies with regard to challenging decision-makers in organizations, communities, and society to be responsive to diverse client needs and assets; (a) Managing agency budgets and finances, (b) funding and resources procurement (grant-writing), and (c) the imperative of funding source diversification.

Supplemental Readings:

Weinbach, Creating and managing diversity.
United States Census Bureau population updates.
U.S. Census Bureau, Projections of resident population by race, Hispanic origin, and nationality, 2050 to 2070.
Brody, Leading the organization
Ginsberg & Keys, The politics of human service organizations.
Netting et al., Understanding problems and populations; Analyzing Communities.
Brody, Preparing effective proposals
Brueggerman, Social work program development
Kettner, Managing resources to support excellence

Week 9
Wed, Mar 9

***MIDTERM EXAMINATION TODAY*** (Exam I)

Exam content, context, and framework (Course competencies): Identify theoretical principles of leadership and management, and interdisciplinary teams and define issues, collect data and develop interventions, taking into account different cultural identities and belief systems----- Identify sound management practices related to personnel, resource allocation, information technology, and decision-making that is based on scientific analysis, synthesis of empirical data, evaluation outcomes, and other information----- Articulate core values and ethical standards of the social work profession within diverse management, organizational, and community practice settings----- Articulate principles of organization, administration, and strategic planning and community change tactics that promote social and economic justice, combat discrimination and oppression, and increase access to resources----- Describe techniques of team-building, collaboration, coordination in organizational and community practice settings, and understanding of influences and implications of culture, geography, community, gender, religion, politics, ideology, and other identities and orientations on different world views----- Demonstrate skills in financial management, resource procurement, expenditure analysis, program design, and marketing for diverse, multi-level client systems.

Week 10
Wed, Mar 16

SPRING BREAK—NO CLASS THIS WEEK
Week 11
Wed, Mar 23

NOTE: VCLS Action Plan and Political Plan Due on Friday, Mar 25th (Electronically)

Scheduled topics

- Skills for resource procurement/grant-writing, cont.
- Funding diversification, cont.
- Organizational, political, and cultural factors that influence stability and change in American society, cont.
- The impact of cultural diversity on management, macro-level interventions and resources, and program development, cont.
- “Leadership in the News”

Learning Module Content: (a) Creating and maintaining staff diversity in organizational settings; (b) socio-demographic characteristics, customs, traditions of major ethnic groups in the United States and abroad; (c) Equal employment opportunity laws and affirmative action; (d) the Americans with Disabilities Act; (e) Ethnic-sensitive social work practice; (a) effects of age, race, ethnicity, social and economic class, culture, religion, spirituality, and sexual orientation on service delivery and formulation of ethically sound, empirical, best practice intervention strategies, (b) core components of organizational dynamics and analysis (e.g., culture, structure, power, informal and formal communication, employee relationships and functioning, workplace discrimination, bullying and harassment, assertiveness; (c) Assessment and intervention strategies with regard to challenging decision-makers in organizations, communities, and society to be responsive to diverse client needs and assets; (a) Managing agency budgets and finances, (b) funding and resources procurement (grant-writing), and (c) the imperative of funding source diversification.

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Brody, Leading the organization
Ginsberg & Keys, The politics of human service organizations.
Netting et al., Understanding problems and populations; Analyzing Communities.
Brody, Preparing effective proposals
Brueggerman, Social work program development
Kettner, Managing resources to support excellence
Week 12
Wed, Mar 30

**Individual Student VCLS Action Plan Presentations**

(Course Competencies #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, 6, #7, and #8)

Week 13
Wed, Apr 6

**Individual Student VCLS Action Plan Presentations, cont.**

(Course Competencies #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, 6, #7, and #8)

Week 14
Wed, April 13

**Individual Student VCLS Action Plan Presentations, cont.**

(Course Competencies #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, 6, #7, and #8)

Week 15
Wed, April 20

VCLS Part II: Group Strategic Plan Development
(No Class—Student Group Work via Zoom technology)

(Course Competencies #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, 6, #7, and #8)
Week 16
Wed, April 27  (Last Class Day)

VCLS Part II, cont., Group Strategic Plan Presentations

Location TBA

(Course Competencies #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, 6, #7, and #8)

Please Note:  (Take-Home) Exam II is due by electronic submission on May 5, 2016.

(Exam II addresses Course Competencies #7 and #8)

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Additional Leadership Resources

As professional social workers it is our responsibility to continually grow and develop through professional study. The following represents SOME of the many additional reading material you can use in this valuable pursuit.


Amander, F. (2012). We are all leaders: Leadership is not a position, it’s a mindset. New York: John Wiley & Sons.


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