

SPRING 2012 COURSE LISTINGS

#910A Social and Psychopathologies of Aging

This course provides a holistic examination of the dynamic interaction of psycho-social, cultural and biological factors that influence psychological wellness during aging. Older adults are viewed within the context of families, communities and the broader society. Preventive, diagnostic and intervention strategies of selected health alterations are discussed relevant to the practice of a broad range of professionals working with older adults. (5 units). This class is required for all students.

Dates and Times: Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5:30 – 8:30

Location: Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, 2180 Third Avenue

Faculty: Alexis Carter, LMSW, CCM, QDCP

Price: \$450

#904 Working with an Aging Veteran Population

This course provides practitioners for specialized practice with older veteran clients and their families. Course work will examine the assessment and treatment of the unique issues and conditions that manifest in aging veterans. Students will develop the knowledge, skills and referral sources for working with older veterans and their families (3 units).

Dates and Times: Mondays, March 12, 19, 26, 6:00 – 9:00

Location: Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, 2180 Third Avenue

Faculty: Jo Potestivo, RN

Price: \$270

#505 MH Working Effectively with Compulsive Hoarders

Working Effectively with Compulsive Hoarders, examines the various causes of a puzzling behavior which has serious safety and public health consequences for both the hoarder and his or her neighbors. Focus includes an examination of the different psychiatric conditions which are linked with hoarding, the clinical features of the syndrome, techniques that engage the client, and interventions which are most effective in gaining the client's participation and cooperation. Compulsive hoarding creates difficult case management considerations; addressing the unsafe environment created by chaotic and often unsanitary living spaces while protecting the hoarder's fragile sense of self from decompensation. We will explore ways in which we can better comprehend both the world and world view of the hoarder, bringing compassionate engagement throughout the process of de-cluttering (3 units)

Date: Wednesdays, March 28, April 4 and April 11 6:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, 2180 Third Avenue

Faculty: Patrice LaMariana

Price: \$270

#509MH Understanding the Dimensions of Elder Abuse: Research, Policy & Practice

Utilizing the strengths perspective, this course will provide students with an overview of the research, policy and practice implications around elder abuse. In addition, students will learn about the prevalence of elder abuse as well as new service developments in New York City. This course will be highly interactive and students will be asked to think about the crucial role of diversity and cultural competency while also reflecting on their feelings and attitudes around aging (4 units)

Dates and Times: Thursdays, April 19, 26, May 3 & May 10, 6:00 – 9:00

Location: Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, 2180 Third Avenue

Instructor: Cara Kenien, MSW, MPA

Price: \$360

#501 MHDementia

This course provides an overview of dementia, which is the loss of brain function that occurs with many later life illnesses. Participants will develop an understanding of brain changes and related symptoms of dementia, the impact of dementia on family and caregivers, and evidence-based treatment for affected individuals and their caregivers. Emphasis will be placed on exploring practical issues and developing intervention skills related to dementia. (4 units)

Dates and Times: Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 6:00 – 9:00

Location: Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity, 2180 Third Avenue

Faculty: Lydia Ogden, MSW

Price: \$360

#BD2 Marketing Strategies and Practices

This course presents the student with an overview of the essentials related to developing and growing a Geriatric Care Management practice. Students are helped to understand the importance of visibility as the primary channel through which to start a practice. Various approaches to this goal are discussed including: press releases, community presentations, media relations and the use of the internet. Students also become familiar with the issues facing the beginning practitioner. (2 units)

Dates and Times: Thursdays, May 17 and 24, 6:00 – 9:00

Location: TBA

Faculty: Miriam Zucker, ACSW

Price: \$180

#AN6 Effective Communication

This 3 week course offers will help students develop skills and strategies for discussing tough topics with the older adult and their families and caregivers. Lecture, class discussion and role play will be used. (3 units)

Dates and Times: Thursdays, June 14, 21 and 28, 6:00 – 9:00

Location: TBA

Faculty: Miriam Zucker, ACSW

Price: \$270