

Open Topics Soc 481

Special Topics Psych 481

Understanding and Responding to Violence and Trauma

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I. Catalog Description

An overview of contemporary and current research and clinical approaches for preventing, responding to, and coping with violence and trauma across a variety of social context. Emphasizes understanding current research and skill building in the context of a professional conference setting.

II. Course Objectives

In this course, students will

Critically assess a variety of evidence-based clinical practices employed by human service workers for the purpose of preventing, responding to, and coping with violence and trauma

Evaluate current research and research methods used to study violence and trauma across a variety of contexts

Practice professional skill building techniques for under professional supervision of leading practitioners of violence and trauma prevention and response

Attend a four day conference on violence and trauma, held at IUP as a core part of their training.

III. Course Outline

	Topic	Readings	Activity
May 12 th	Learning How to Attend a Conference		Discussion Board 1: Reviewing Conference Program Quiz 1: Conference Etiquette and Networking
May 13 th	Victimization and Violence in School Settings	Stein, Nan, Lyn Mikel Brown & Meda Chesney-Lind. 2007. Toward a Gendered Theory of T	

May 14 th	Domestic Violence and Women	Violence Against Women 13: 1249-1273. Finkelhor, David, Heather Turner, Sherry Hamby and	
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May 22nd

Day 3 Conference
Activities

Validate Full Day

Finkelhor, David. 2008. *Childhood Victimization: Violence, Crime, and Abuse in the Lives of Young People*. New York: Oxford University Press

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