Professor / Instructor Contact Information

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Materials – Text, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Required readings listed in the Blackboard shell that tie to each module or in the readings folder.

Course Description
- Analyzing family, school and community resources and needs as related to the family life cycle; child welfare and education, ecological approach; and exploration of careers related to children and families. Strategies to improve communication and collaboration are emphasized with a focus on family types, cultures, economic conditions, school systems, community services, political forces, advocacy groups, and other factors that impact young children and their families.

Fifteen hours a semester in fieldwork arranged by student. 3 semester credit hours. Estimated average 10-12 clock hours per week for class attendance on-line reading/study, mail/announcements, discussion, assignments, and fieldwork. Approved as a Capstone course for the University Core Curriculum. Pre-requisite for this course is Junior/Senior Standing

COURSE GOALS

1. Describe the human condition across cultures and diverse situations.
2. Apply communication skills to FSC partnerships.
3. Explain the rationale for developing family, school, and community (FSC) partnerships.
4. Develop social responsibility (CAPSTONE OBJECTIVE) FIELD WORK Journals and Assignment
5. Describe the various practices, programs and policies that relate to Family, School, and Community Partnerships
6. Develop critical thinking skills (CAPSTONE OBJECTIVE). Action Plan
7. Analyze issues, principles, values, relationships, and cultural perspectives in using ethical decision-making strategies and steps. (Capstone OBJECTIVE) Ethics Case Study

Why is HDFS 3423 a GREAT course?
Some of you may have signed up for this course because it is a topic you are interested in (my wishful thinking for all of you). I am passionate about families and how we can assist them in bettering themselves. I have very firm beliefs of how this should happen. This course outlines those views and along the way I will ask you to challenge some of the assumptions you have about families in need.

More realistically, you may have signed up for this course because it is part of your major or because it is online. This may mean you took the course because you HAVE to and not WANT to. Whatever the reason, I am glad you are here and I hope by the end of the class you will say you were GLAD you took the course.

Why should you want to understand about Family, School, and Community?
Every one of us are part of a community; a community of learners, a community of homes, individuals, and families. We never know what cards will be dealt to us in the future. During the housing market collapse, many people who had lucrative jobs lost those jobs. They now needed the support of the community. Whom do you turn to? What services are out there?

Many of us one day want to have families. What do we look for in good schools that partner with parents and the community? How do our expectations of schools match with reality? These are all questions we will examine in this course because they may affect us in some way. I love the topics presented in this course and my hope for you is that you will learn a lot more about the impact and power a true community can have on individuals and families.

For you to be successful, the following items are important.

1. BE a part of class. Engage with your peers. If you are asked a question, answer it.
2. READ! Above anything, you need to read the material and the shell to understand what to do.
3. BE involved. You will get to know how they think, what they believe, and how they communicate.
4. Check your email often.
5. Work together. You will be asked to work together in this course. Some people do not like that. There is a specific reason for this. ANY job or organization that you have will require you to communicate with others. More and more today, that communication takes place by email, phone, IM, voice chat, GotoMeeting, or some other form of electronic communication. This is more difficult and challenging for many people. I am not asking you to meet face-to-face or together online. Just communicate with one another.
6. Stay ahead of the game. This is a junior level capstone course and you will need to keep up with the readings and assignments to be successful.
7. Turn in work that reflects your time, effort, and understanding.
8. Assess your progress regularly and respond promptly to any deficiencies or weaknesses you may have. I expect a lot out of your thinking and will provide feedback on how to improve.
9. Accept the consequences when you do not meet the responsibilities of a student.

**HOW WILL I RECEIVE A GRADE**

**Assessments 1-6**

Below is a list of assignments that will be used to assess your progress in the course. You will experience a variety of assessments both formative and summative in nature throughout the course. The assessments are aligned with the Student Learning Objectives to test your understanding of the course material and readings. Each week you will work on various combinations of assignments, activities, discussions, readings, and research. Work will be due by Saturday at 10 PM. Blackboard shuts down at 11 on Saturday so you need to make sure your work is submitted by 10 PM. New modules will open on Sunday.

1. **Introductory Reflection (25 pts)**

   The introductory reflection is a way for you to share any preconceived bias, beliefs or understandings you have in regards to families and individuals in need. I do not want a meaningless reflection that does not examine your thoughts, but one that truly shares with me those biased, beliefs, and understandings you have. We all have bias and until we identify those biases, we will continue to allow them to interfere with truly seeing what need means. This needs to be well constructed, a true analysis of your beliefs, and needs to be reflective in nature. This reflection should be a minimum of one page. This will be completed in class during the first week.

2. **Discussions and Presentation Course Objectives 1-7 (120 points)**
We will have discussions in class which you will be required to engage in. Each student will lead a discussion in class during the semester (60 points). You will sign up for this ahead of time. You have two choices. 1. You can select a reading provided in the course shell or 2. You can select your own article. If you select your own, you are required to submit it to your professor 3 days before. You will discuss the article and ask your classmates questions about the reading. You will also be expected to participate in other student’s discussions as well. As this is a junior/senior level course, the format is largely discussion based. It is your responsibility to come to the course prepared to discuss the readings and how they relate to the purpose of the class.

The discussions are a way for you to interact with your peers in a manner that allows you to grow and stretch your thinking. To be successful, a few items needs to be included in your discussion First and foremost, you must relate your discussion back to your readings. This is why it is extremely important to read the material. A sample discussion format is posted for you on blackboard.

a. **Article discussion** - For this specific task, you are required to 1.) discuss the main points of the reading and how they relate to the course and the human service field in general. 2.) You will then discuss how the main points of the article are relevant to your chosen field work site. 3.) Finally, pose 2-3 questions to your peers in order to spark a useful discussion. This is an informal discussion, no ppt required. You are not required to turn in an outline.

b. **Participation** - You will also be required to participate in your peers’ article presentation (60 points total). You will be graded by your professor regarding your participation efforts. You are expected to respond at least once a week to peer presentations.

[Capstone Objective: Express ways exposure to different ideas, perspectives, cultures and viewpoints have enriched thinking.

3. **Field Work- Course Objective 1** (205 pts; initial placement confirmation 10 pts, 4 journals at 20 pts each; final reflection paper 100 pts; time log - required to receive credit 15 pts)

**If students do not submit a signed time log with a total of 15 hours s/he will not receive credit for any part of the field work assignment (journals, reflections, etc.) as the time log serves as verification that service learning was completed.**

[Capstone Objective: Participate in activities that promote the common good.]

You will complete a minimum (more is always encouraged) of 15 hours in a Service Learning experience, keep a journal, and reflect on collaboration strategies. **This is not an optional activity for this course and all 15 hours must be completed.** If you do not complete this assignment you will not pass the course. It is critical that you find your placement within the first week of class. Anyone without a placement after the 2 weeks must contact me for assistance. I do understand people are busy, have families, and work but these are the requirements of this course. Child care issues, work schedules, etc. are not acceptable reasons for nor completing the field work. Please drop the course if you cannot fulfill this requirement.

**Journals are completed in class on assigned days in calendar, Must be present to receive points.**

The Blackboard shell contains details that are more specific.

4. **Ethics Case Study Course Objective 5 (100 pts)**

[Capstone Objective: Utilize decision-making strategies that include an ethical analysis.]

You will analyze a case study that presents an ethical dilemma related to family, school, and/or community. A worksheet will be provided to assist you in your analysis of the case study you are provided. You will also have a rubric to assist you. More information can be found in Blackboard.
5. **Action Plan – Course Objective 4 (50 pts)**

Students will work with their chosen group for this assignment, as it can be difficult to generate ideas. Students will have an opportunity to create an action plan. This is probably the most difficult of the activities because it requires reflective and critical thinking. Here are some things to consider when working with groups:

1. You do have to communicate (so if you are the procrastinator of the group, you will have to work on this)
2. You will each turn in one assignment via blackboard
3. Get creative. You can use Google Docs, Group Me, etc. to work on this together.

6. **ICAS (100 pts)**

There will be 10 ICAS which you will receive 100 points total upon completion.

*There is no extra credit for this course.*

**Grading**

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**Accessing Grades** - You will be able to see the gradebook in Blackboard. In order to view comments you must log in to blackboard with a computer. You cannot see comments from your phone. If you have a question about your grade, please ask.

**Assignment Submission Instructions**

*All submission of assignments should be in the following format. First name Last Name, Assignment Title.*

**Late Work** - Late work will be not be accepted.
(Topics and dates are subject to change)

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<td>Service Learning, Family Definitional Issues</td>
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<td>Military Families</td>
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<td>Family and the Media</td>
<td>Gentile, 2002; Niemer, 2012; Samuel, 2017; Ford-Jones, 2003</td>
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<td>NEA, 2008; Davis, 2017; O’Brien, 2012; Cotton</td>
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<td>Gay &amp; lesbian parenting</td>
<td>Bever, 2014; Bos, 2016; Johnson, 2012</td>
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<td>5/1-5/4</td>
<td>Death and Grief</td>
<td>Murray Roger, 2008; Overton, 2016</td>
<td>Reflection due 4/28 by 10:00 PM</td>
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The Instructor reserves the right to modify or change this schedule to best meet the needs of the students.
COURSE POLICIES AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS / ASSISTANCE

The following information has been provided to assist you in preparation for the technological aspect of the course.

Student Technical Support
The University of North Texas provides student technical support in the use of Blackboard and support resources. The student help desk may be reached at: Email: helpdesk@unt.edu
Phone: 940.565-2324
In Person: Sage Hall, Room 130

Regular hours are maintained to provide support to students. Please refer to the website (http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/hours.htm) for updated hours.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

It is my expectation that you attend each course section.

Student Resources
As a student, you will have access to:
- Student Orientation via Blackboard Learn. Become familiar with the tools and tutorials within the Orientation to better equip you in navigating the course.
- Blackboard’s On Demand Learning Center for Students. Become familiar with the tools and tutorials to better equip you to navigate the course.
- From within Blackboard, you will have access to the “UNT Helpdesk“ tab which provides student resources and Help Desk Information.

Student Support Services
Also known on the University of North Texas campus as SSS. All activities and services provided by SSS are intended to help students progress through their degree to an on-time graduation. Please refer to the website (https://trio.unt.edu/sss) for detailed list of services.

SCHOLARLY EXPECTATIONS
All works submitted for credit must be original works created by the scholar uniquely for the class. It is considered inappropriate and unethical to duplicate a single work for multiple classes.

RESOURCES

Links to Academic Support Services, such as Office of Disability Accommodation, Counseling and Testing Services, UNT Libraries, Online Tutoring, UNT Writing Lab and Math Tutor Lab can be located within Blackboard Learn on the “Academic Support” tab.

UNT Portal: http://my.unt.edu

UNT Blackboard Learn Student Resources: Technical Support: http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/

UNT Library Information for Off-Campus Users:
http://www.library.unt.edu/services/facilities-and-systems/campus-access
Course Library Page: [http://guides.library.unt.edu/dfst3423](http://guides.library.unt.edu/dfst3423)

UNT Computing and Information Technology Center: [http://citic.unt.edu/services-solutions/students](http://citic.unt.edu/services-solutions/students)

UNT Academic Resources for Students: [http://www.unt.edu/academics.htm](http://www.unt.edu/academics.htm)

Computer Labs: [provide information if departmental labs are available for use to students]. General access computer lab information (including locations and hours of operation) can be located at: [http://www.gac1.unt.edu](http://www.gac1.unt.edu)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Readings Assignments
Reading assignments and on-line lessons are provided for your convenience to help you understand the material at a deeper level. It is the expectation that all material is read thoroughly to be successful in the class; this includes links to other websites.

Submission of Assignments
Assignments should be submitted on the due date. All written assignments should be professional in appearance. Your work is expected to be at the level of a professional in the field and well edited. Written work should be spelling, grammar, and typographical error free. Points will be deducted for any assignment not meeting these expectations.

Due Dates
Due dates for all assignments provided on blackboard and on the syllabus.

EAGLE CONNECT:
All UNT students should activate and regularly check their EagleConnect (e-mail) account. EagleConnect is used for official communication from the University to students. Many important announcements for the University and College are sent to students via EagleConnect. For information about EagleConnect, including how to activate an account and how to have EagleConnect forwarded to another e-mail address, visit [https://eagleconnect.unt.edu](https://eagleconnect.unt.edu). This is the main electronic contact for all course-related information and/or material.

Assignment Policy
The due dates for all assignments may be found on the course calendar and each module. This calendar is subject to change to benefit you the student. Assignments should be saved as .DOC or .PDF files for access. If you cannot save as a .doc or .pdf then you may save as a .rtf. All assignments should be submitted in Blackboard Learn. Please do not submit assignments via email. There are no extra credit assignments for this course.

Class Participation
Students are required to [http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5attend](http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5attend) class each session.

Incompletes
Incompletes will only be granted in extenuating circumstances. I did not have time is not an extenuating circumstance. Sometimes medical or other severe issues come up. See the registrar’s calendar for the first date an incomplete can be requested. You must be passing at this point in order to be considered and there must be a verifiable medical situation or other excuse that is documented. The student must initiate the request and must complete the paperwork. Just because the instructor allows the incomplete does not mean it will be approved. It has to be approved by the department head and dean.
Copyright Notice
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the reproduction, distribution, public performance, or public display of copyrighted materials without the express and
written permission of the copyright owner, unless fair use or another exemption under copyright law applies.
[Additional sample statements can be located at: http://copyright.unt.edu/content/sample-copyright-notices]
Additional copyright information may be located at: http://copyright.unt.edu/content/unt-copyright-policies.

Administrative Withdrawal
See the registrar’s calendar for exact dates; the instructor may drop a student for non-attendance. Do not assume this
will be done.

Syllabus Change Policy
Should the need arise, due dates may be delayed to benefit the student if there is a reason deemed necessary by the
instructor. Reasons may include severe weather or power outages.

Policy on Server Unavailability or Other Technical Difficulties
The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any
unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty, which prevents students from completing a time sensitive
assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time windows and provide an appropriate accommodation based on the
situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and contact the UNT Student Help Desk:
helpdesk@unt.edu or 940.565.2324. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve
any issues at the earliest possible time.

UNT POLICIES

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY
Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam (and may be given a
failing grade for the course). Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students, who may impose further
penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to: a. use of any unauthorized
assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the
instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; c. the acquisition,
without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; d. dual
submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from
the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. The term "plagiarism" includes, but is
not limited to: a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of
another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials
prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

ACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is
unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in
unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of
Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations
for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion
groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at http://deanofstudents.unt.edu

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT
Your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs at http://www.my.unt.edu. All official
communication from the university will be delivered to your Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit
the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward your e-mail: http://eagleconnect.unt.edu/
ADA STATEMENT

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information, see the Office of Disability Accommodation website at http://disability.unt.edu. You may also contact them by phone at (940) 565-4323.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION & PROCEDURES

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify you with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). The system sends voice messages (and text messages upon permission) to the phones of all active faculty staff, and students. Please make certain to update your phone numbers at http://www.my.unt.edu. Some helpful emergency preparedness actions include: 1) know the evacuation routes and severe weather shelter areas in the buildings where your classes are held, 2) determine how you will contact family and friends if phones are temporarily unavailable, and 3) identify where you will go if you need to evacuate the Denton area suddenly. In the event of a university closure, please refer to Blackboard for contingency plans for covering course materials.

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

The instructor of record maintains student records pertaining to this course in a secure location. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Blackboard online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. You have a right to view your individual record; however, information about your records will not be divulged to other individuals without the proper written consent. You are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws, and the university’s policy in accordance with those mandates at the following link: http://essc.unt.edu/registrar/ferpa.html

STUDENT EVALUATION OF TEACHING (SETE)

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The Student Evaluation of Teaching (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available at the end of the semester to provide you with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught.

SUCCEED AT UNT

UNT endeavors to offer you a high-quality education and to provide a supportive environment to help you learn and grow. Moreover, as a faculty member, I am committed to helping you be successful as a student. Here is how to succeed at UNT:  Show up. Find Support. Get advised. Be prepared. Get involved. Stay focused.

To learn more about campus resources and information on how you can achieve success, go http://success.unt.edu/.

Add/Drop Policy
To drop a class login at www.my.unt.edu and follow the directions. See registrar’s calendar for specific dates.

Important Notice for F-1 Students taking Distance Education Courses:
Federal Regulation
(i) (G)” and can be found buried within this document:  http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2012-title8-vol1/xml/CFR-2012-title8-vol1-sec214-2.xml

The paragraph reads:

(G) ) For F–1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, or satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F–1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.
To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student’s responsibility to do the following:

(1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.

(2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office. ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email internationaladvising@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.