**HD 397 Section 2**

**Working With Diverse Populations**

**Summer 2022**

Instructor: Sterling Wall

Office: 207 CPS

Office Phone: 715-4653

Office Hours: 24 Hour advance appointment. I am flexible.

Email: [Sterling.Wall@uwsp.edu](mailto:Sterling.Wall@uwsp.edu) Best way to contact me.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Students will learn about diverse populations served locally and regionally, best practices working with diverse populations, and share their own in-depth review with peers. 3 credits**.**

**EMAIL** is an official form of communication for this course. Students are expected to check their “UWSP” email once every 24 hours, M-F of the term. And to read all emails from instructor carefully.

**ZOOM** Is the official course video/virtual program used to record/present. Students agree to download zoom.

**MS Word** Is the official course software, meaning, make sure all assignments are saved as and uploaded as such.

**VIDEO PERMISSION** Participation in this course grants permission of audio and video recordings that include students voice and image to be distributed to other class members and members of future classes by professor.

**EXPECTATIONS**

This is a very hands on type of course, so it is expected that students will make every effort to actively participate in all aspects. Having said that, we can be flexible, students may contact instructor to arrange experiences on their own of an equivalently involved and engaging format.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**Knowledge (Know)**

*students will:*

* Better understand other cultures and honor their way of life
* Compare historical and current perspectives of diverse populations

**Skills (Be able to)**

*students will:*

* Actively participate in educational and FUN conversations with diverse populations.

**Dispositions (Value/Appreciate)**

*students will:*

* Reflect on their thoughts and feelings about the cultural experiences pre/post experience.
* Live by the mantra “Flexibility is fun”!!

**Assignments (Main):**

1. **Field Trips**. There are two field trips students are expected to participate in. IF there is a conflict, students may work with instructor to identify a suitable substitute. Ideally, all students would be able to make at least one if not both of the field trips.
   1. Friday, June 3rd, 8am-2pm. Meeting on UWSP Campus, visiting with staff from La Clinica, Hmong Resource Center in Wausau, and Ethiopian (Afghanistan) Refugee centers in Wausau. **50 Points**
   2. Friday/Saturday, August 12th & 13th. Leaving Campus by 7am, returning by 7pm following day. Visiting with agencies such as Greater Council of Churches (work with Somali Refugees), Center for Victims of Torture, Hmong Family Resource Center, World Market, Ethiopian Dinner… **100 Points**
2. **Personal Diversity Project.** Throughout the term students will work on building a presentation to be shared with classmates at the end of the course informing us about working with a specific population. The presentation will utilize:
   1. A survey of your own community and the diversity of people served there. 25pnts
   2. A movie demonstrating working with a specific population. 25pnts
   3. A book about working with a specific population. 25pnts
   4. An article about outreach with specific and/or diverse populations. 25pnts
   5. An in-depth interview with someone working with a specific diverse population. 25pnts
   6. Presentation with class. 25pnts

Resources used should all be unique, so we will coordinate our efforts on CANVAS Discussion boards so we don’t all review the same book, or same movie, etc. But yes, you CAN use the same cultural group as someone else if that happens to be the case.

**Course Points (Approximate):**

Field Trips (or equivalent) 150 points

Project 150 points

Total 300 points

Grades: 90% A

80% B

Those intending on obtaining less than an A in this course are encouraged to refrain from attending.

Overt disregard for culture or schedule may result in ejection from the experience, will result in a lower final letter grade or even a failing grade in the course. This is not to be mean, we just need to make sure that everyone is responsible and lets people know WELL in advance if things come up. That’s it!!!!