

# Values in Social Services and Health Care



## Brief Course Description

This course has a dual purpose. Its broadest mission is to give perspective and offer reflection on your service experiences to date and then to help you discern the answer to the question, "What's next?"

We will try to accomplish this through readings, lectures, discussions, and written assignments. Together we will pursue some of the questions raised by the facts, philosophies, and statements listed at left. And we hope to do more.

Among the objectives for Values in Social Services and Health Care are:

to communicate an understanding of the social services and health care delivery system;

to explore ethical problems and challenges related to the allocations of limited resources, regulations, economic injustice, community conflicts and the responsibility for the dependent person;

to consider strategies for effecting positive changes in the social service and health care system.

## Course Procedures

The class meets on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. for lectures and from 6:15 to 7:00 for discussion groups. The instructor and teaching assistants lead discussion groups. The instructor determines final grading.

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"But you know, there are no children here. They've seen too much to be children."  
 Lajoie Rivers  
*There are No Children Here*  
 "Homelessness in America begins at home."  
 Kathleen Hirsch  
*Songs from the Alley*  
 "I never thought I would be the other."  
 Dennis Heahy  
 "Help them all and let God sort it out."  
 Jim Greene  
 "We can degrade people by caring for them; and we can degrade people by not caring for them."  
 Steven Marcus  
*Doing Good*  
 "Narrow the target and broaden the instruments."  
 Paul Collier  
*The Bottom Billion*  
 "The service requirement delivered me to the place but my heart grew while I was there."  
 Toni Ann Kruse  
*BC Class of 2004*

