RURAL HUMAN SERVICES (RHS)

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**Course Descriptions**

- **RHS F110 Cross-Cultural Bridging Skills**: 1 Credit
  - Issues and impacts relevant to effective cross-cultural communication. Understanding barriers to effective cross-cultural communication in rural settings and development of effective cross-cultural communication skills from a Native perspective. Development of bridging and networking skills that integrate Native values and principles. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

- **RHS F115 Issues of Personal Development**: 2 Credits
  - Dynamics and impacts of personal development issues relevant to the delivery of rural human services focusing on understanding types, application, and processes of personal development. Facilitating personal development through processes that integrate or reflect Native values and principles. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

- **RHS F120 Family Systems I**: 2 Credits
  - Survey of historical forces that exerted influence on Alaska Native families, the impacts of those forces and discussion of their contemporary effects from a Native perspective. Focus on developing options and strategies for developing healthy Native families as the foundation for healthy Native communities. Emphasis on developing the understanding and skills necessary to facilitate development and maintenance of healthy families through healthy individuals. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

- **RHS F130 Processes of Community Change**: 2 Credits
  - Contemporary foundations of rural social development and relevant issues from a Native perspective. Developing the understanding and skills necessary for facilitating positive individual, family, and community development based on an ecological systems approach. Emphasis on developing the skills necessary to identify, develop, and mobilize individual, family, and community resources in rural Native communities. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

- **RHS F140 Alaska Native Values and Principles**: 1 Credit
  - Traditional Native values and principles, their applicability to today's world and issues relevant to their integration into today's lifestyles. Developing understanding and skills necessary for facilitating formulation of positive world views within Native individuals, families, and communities. Explores the role of spirituality in a variety of Alaska Native cultures. Student must spend three days in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

- **RHS F150 Introduction to Rural Counseling**: 2 Credits
  - Identification and examination of issues relevant to the delivery of rural counseling services focusing on developing the understanding and skills necessary for the effective delivery of rural counseling services. Opportunities for development of basic rural counseling skills with emphasis on integration of Native values and principles and exploring strategies that facilitate positive individual, family, and community growth and development through enhancement of healthy lifestyles in rural Native communities. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

- **RHS F220 Family Systems II**: 2 Credits
  - The dynamics and issues relevant to personal healing and recovery from a Native perspective focusing on developing the understanding and skills necessary to healing and recovery in Native individuals, families and communities. Emphasis on achieving healthy lifestyles through self-understanding based on truth, grieving and positive proactive repositioning. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

- **RHS F250 Rural Counseling II**: 2 Credits
  - Differences and similarities between Native and Western counseling skills. Issues relevant to the development and delivery of basic rural counseling skills and services. Focuses on identifying and building on individual, family, and community strengths as the foundation for development of intervention strategies. Addresses the importance of integrating Native traditional values and principles into intervention strategies and service delivery. Emphasis on developing and enhancing basic rural counseling skills and short- and long-term intervention strategies. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

- **RHS F265 Interpersonal Violence**: 2 Credits
  - Covered as a standalone course.
  - Types, causes, and impacts of interpersonal violence focusing on developing an understanding of interpersonal violence and development of treatment options and intervention strategies from a Native perspective. Emphasis on development of treatment options and intervention strategies that integrate Native values and principles. Student must spend one week in intensive study at selected delivery site.
  - Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0
RHS F275  Introduction to Recovery and Mental Illness  (a)
2 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Overview of mental illness and recovery issues. Emphasis on issues for practitioners in small, rural communities in Alaska.
Prerequisites: RHS F150 or instructor permission.
Recommended: RHS F250, RHS F115.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

RHS F285  Case Management  (a)
2 Credits
Identification and discussion of issues, components, procedures, responsibilities, skills and processes for case management in rural settings with diverse populations. Emphasis on case management processes unique to rural and village Alaska and to the fields of mental health, addictions and interpersonal violence. Oral and written communication skills essential to effective case management explored. Student must be willing and able to work independently outside the classroom and in the community.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0

RHS F287  Rural Human Services Practicum  (a)
4 Credits
Personal and professional development, self-analysis and growth. Emphasis on developing the understanding and skills necessary to integrate Native healing theory and problem solving into the delivery of rural human services. Student must be willing and able to work independently outside the classroom and in the community. Taken as part of the final sequence of courses in the Rural Human Services certificate program, practicum provides students with 100 hours of supervised learning experience in an approved rural human service organization/agency.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 4 + 0 + 0

RHS F290  Grief and Healing  (a)
2 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
Exploration of the dynamics of grief and healing from an Alaska Native perspective. Special emphasis on Native values and principles focused on developing culturally relevant, understandings, awarenesses and professional skills.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 1 + 0