

HSRV 121

Death and Dying

Students completing this course will be able to:

1. Develop a working knowledge base and a historical perspective of the field of Thanatology at an introductory level in order to work more effectively with clients in the field.
2. Develop an enhanced comprehension of the loss process by examining Dr. Kubler-Ross's Stage Model of Grieving/Dying and use this model as a framework for viewing a variety of losses.
3. Examine the issue of euthanasia including its moral and legal implications in order to work more effectively with clients in future work settings.
4. Examine one's personal experience with loss, identifying and exploring own personal beliefs, attitudes, and fears in order to gain a stronger awareness of own issues with loss and to work more effectively with future clients.
5. Develop insight into the impact losses have on family dynamics, including enhanced understanding of children's unique perceptions of and reactions to death in order to work effectively with future clients in the field.
6. Develop familiarity with community Human Service agencies that assist clients with issues of loss, illness, dying and grieving, examining their services and the roles of their workers in order to access appropriate resources for future clients.
7. Explore the traditional and non-traditional treatment options for individuals with terminal illnesses such as cancer and HIV in order to provide appropriate resources for future clients.
8. Demonstrate a working knowledge of living wills, health care proxies, and last will and testaments in order to effectively assist future clients.
9. Examine the effects of traumatic current events and develop strategies for coping that can be used in future personal and professional venues.