I. Catalogue Description
This course addresses multi-level interventions with children, youth and families across multiple service systems, with an emphasis on practice innovations.

II. Course Overview
This advanced concentration course analyzes interventions for children, youth, and families in various systems including – but not limited to - child welfare, education, and the juvenile justice system. Students will be exposed to a variety of formalized interventions and develop their assessment skills in terms of determining which ones meet the needs of individuals, families, and client groups (if intervening at the policy level). Throughout the course, students will be expected to evaluate existing social services and think critically about new directions for intervening with families.

III. Course Competencies & Practice Behaviors & Assignments

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<td>2.1.1: Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly.</td>
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### IV. Course Content

Students are required to complete all outside readings for each week prior to each class including review of the various websites assigned. This course is designed as an interactive seminar that uses a variety of formats to integrate class with practice experiences that students encounter in field training. It will include some lecture, use of media, outside guests, and considerable input and interactions with the focus being “critical thinking and discussion”. We will use a structured
process to assess the usefulness of each intervention and whether it meets the standards of evidence-based practice, cultural competence, and in general fits with the NASW code of ethics. Further analysis will focus on system issues that limit either the use – or effectiveness – of each intervention.

Be prepared each class to discuss the following questions regarding the reading assignments, websites provided and/or guest lecturers:

- What is the Intervention?
- Who is it meant to help?
- What is the goal?
- Does it work? (i.e. Is this an effective intervention? Why? Why not?)
- Does it meet the standard of evidence-based practice?
- Does it meet the standard of culturally competent practice?
- Do the “politics” of your agency or society in general affect the implementation or success of this intervention?

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| Week #1 Sept. 10 | **Hand out Syllabus**  
**Icebreaker/Introductions**  
**Plagiarism, Student Attendance and Student Behavior Policies**  
**Framework for Evaluating Interventions and Services**  
**Required Reading:**  
| Week #2 Sept. 17 | **Evidence Based Practice (EBP)**  
**What is it? Why do we care?**  
**Required Reading:**  

**Highly Recommended Readings:**

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**Required Readings:**


**Intervention Website Resources:**
The Exchange Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse: [http://www.thexchangecenter.org](http://www.thexchangecenter.org)

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<td><strong>Child Maltreatment- specific forms, what is best? Why?</strong></td>
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**Readings for Oct. 1:**


**Readings for Oct. 8:**


**Intervention Website Resources:**

Canopy Center: Oasis Family Sexual Abuse Treatment: [http://www.canopycenter.org/programs](http://www.canopycenter.org/programs)

Hancock Center for Dance/Movement Therapy: [www.hancockcenter.net](http://www.hancockcenter.net)


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Highly Recommended Reading:


**Intervention Website Resources:**
The Child Trauma Academy: [www.childtrauma.org](http://www.childtrauma.org)


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**Week #7 Oct. 22**

**Domestic Violence Interventions**

**Required Readings:**


**Highly Recommended Readings:**
| Week #8 | Collaboration and Teaming: |
| Oct. 29 | • Wrap Around Services |
| | • Multi-Disciplinary Teaming |

**Required Readings:**


**Intervention Website Resources:**


| Week #9 | Intervention within the Juvenile Delinquency System: |
| Nov. 5 | • Restorative Justice |
| | • Corrections |
| | • Youth Court/Time Bank |

**Required Readings:**


**Intervention Website Resources:**
http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/implementing/rolechanges.html

**Time Bank:**
http://www.danecountytimebank.org/youth-court.html

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**Required Readings:**


**Highly Recommended Readings:**

**Intervention Website References:**
G.S.A for Safe Schools:
www.gsafewi.org

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network:
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| Week #12 | No Class- Thanksgiving Break |

| Week #13 | Academic Advancement and Intervening w/ Families Living in Poverty: |
| Dec 3    | • School Response to Homelessness                                    |
|          | • AVID and PEOPLE Programs                                           |

|          | **Required Readings:**                                               |
**Interventions for Persons with Developmental Disabilities**

- Family Support 360
- Dane County Time Bank
- Disability Rights Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Family Ties

**Required Readings:**


**Highly Recommended Readings:**


Zajicek-Farber, M. L. (2012). Caring and coping: Helping the family of a child with

**Intervention Website Resources:**


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**Required Readings:**


**Highly Recommended Readings:**


V. Texts and Required Materials for the Course
All readings are available at the SW741 Learn @UW course site.

VI. Evaluation of Competencies and Practice Behaviors: Assignments, Grading and Methods

Students' final grade will be based on the following:

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Assignment Instructions & Grading Rubrics:

Note: The paper requirements for this course cannot be a paper that is used in whole, or in part, for another course.

**Analysis Paper #1:** *Must be uploaded to the Learn@UW before class on September 17*

You will write an analysis paper to one or more of the readings from Week 1 or Week 2. This paper is due no later than the beginning of the class session. The paper is to be not less than two pages and not more than three pages in length. Total possible points to be earned are ten points.

*In this paper, you should formally and critically evaluate (not summarize) what you have read and respond by discussing the following:*

1. What important points arise from the reading?
2. Can these points be generalized to individuals of diverse backgrounds (with respect to gender, ethnicity, culture, disability, spirituality, or sexual orientation)? If so, how? If not, why not?
3. What question(s) do you think the reading should have addressed, but did not?
4. Overall, what do you, not the authors, think are the reading’s implications for social work practice or policy? Be specific.

**Intervention Resources Paper #2: Must be uploaded to the Learn@UW before class on October 15**

The purpose of this paper is to use one of the various web sites that are resources for finding evidence-based interventions, see below. You need to review these websites and select a specific intervention that you haven’t used before and would like to learn more about – preferably one that you anticipate being relevant to your future employment.

In addition, it is to help in increasing your comfort level researching various services/interventions that might be useful to the families(individuals) that you intend to work with. Many agencies do not have the funding for continued training and it will be up to you to advocate for innovative and effective services – and service delivery systems – for the families you intend to work with. In order to keep abreast of new treatment approaches, you need to actively seek them out.

**This paper must comply with the following:**
1. Be 4-6 pages in length, double-spaced (title page and bibliography page do not count as a page)
2. Be clear and well organized
3. Grammar, wording, and spelling count and it must be completed on time (3 points will be deducted for every day a paper is late.)
4. Cite the websites you accessed
5. (First) Describe the intervention you chose. Demonstrate that you fully delved into the intervention and have at least a basic understanding of its applications, limitations, efficacy, etc.
6. Demonstrate critical thinking. In other words, your job is NOT to simply relay information as stated by other authors and sources. Rather, you should carefully analyze the information you collect and your writing should reflect that you have independently considered the strengths and shortcomings of available information, as well as gaps or areas in need of improvement related to current models of the intervention.

As you think critically about your chosen intervention, you MUST answer the following:
1. Is this intervention feasible for the type of agency or work you anticipate doing after graduation? Why/why not?
2. Does a similar type of intervention exist either at your internship site or where you hope to work? If so, how do they compare?
3. What are the barriers to this intervention? Benefits?
4. Does it benefit different groups of people differently? For example, helpful for the middle class, but not the poor? Advocates on behalf of straight teens, but ignore realities of LGBTQ? Does it address the experiences of women and various religious and ethnic groups?
5. How might agency culture factor into the implementation and/or success of this type of intervention? For example, would funding limitations or sources “water down” or change the protocol in a way that could affect efficacy? What agency infrastructure
would need to be in place to implement the program? For example, if it were a therapeutic modality, would you have to provide training to local therapists? Would you have to hire only master’s level social workers?

6. Do you anticipate using these reference web sites (or others like them) in your professional life? Do you already have experience using them? To what extent do you find them useful? In what way did you use them and how do you intend to integrate them into your practice? (For example, sign up for newsletters)

California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare
http://www.cebc4cw.org/
National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices
http://nrepp.samhsa.gov/AllPrograms.aspx

Blueprints for Violence Prevention
http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/index.html

The Cochrane Collaboration
http://www.cochrane.org/index0.htm

The Campbell Collaboration
http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/index.html

Strengthening America's Families: Effective Family Programs for Prevention of Delinquency
http://www.strengtheningfamilies.org

Grading Rubric for Paper #2:

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<td>Critical analysis. This can be achieved through analysis of the intervention itself, its “real life” application, or the basis for it meeting evidence-based (or evidence-informed) standards… or all of the above.</td>
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**Critical Analysis Paper #3:** *Must be uploaded to the Learn@UW before class on Nov. 12*

The purpose of this paper is to pick two evidence-based interventions/practices/tools (not one in which you already used) for one of three case studies to be handed out in class (I will also give you the option of choosing your own case). This paper should go into depth as to the pros and cons of each intervention. Compare the two interventions (either concurrently or separately in your paper). Why did you choose these two interventions for the case study? How would you apply the intervention? You must also use relevant research to determine why these interventions are evidence-based. (I.e. use the most recent articles attached to the intervention). **For example,** if you were researching Incredible Years, it has a Scientific Rating Scale of “1” which means the program is well-supported by evidence. Discuss why this is true. Does it matter? There is no single approach to a problem/situation—one size does not fit all.
For this assignment, you can also pick one intervention your agency/school uses for a particular child/family, critique that intervention, then pick one intervention on our websites that has not been tried with the family, critique this intervention and why or why not this intervention would be a better fit for the child/family.

This paper must comply with the following:
1. Be 6-8 pages in length, double-spaced (title page and bibliography page do not count as a page)
2. Be clear, well organized, and demonstrate critical thinking and analysis.
3. Grammar and writing clarity count and it must be completed on time (3 points will be deducted for every day a paper is late.)

Grading Rubric for Paper #3:

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For the final assignment, students can choose whether they would like to do an Intervention Research Paper or an Intervention Presentation to the class.

**Intervention Research Paper:** *Must be uploaded to the Learn®UW before class on December 10*

Students will develop a 10-12 page paper related to field placements or a specific social work interest and/or intervention (i.e. you should choose an intervention that is being used - or could be used - with the population you are currently working with in your field placement or population that you hope to work with).

**The paper must include the following components:**
1. **Introduction:** The introduction should include a brief statement of the problem to be addressed by a social intervention and information concerning the prevalence (i.e., the number of people in a population who have the problem) and costs (social and financial) of the problem (Ex: Although African American children represent 14% of the general U.S. children population, they make up 27% of the foster care population). This section should conclude a discussion of why the problem is important to the field of social work (Choose and explain the intervention).

2. **Literature Review:** Empirical research pertaining to the problem should be reviewed concisely and critically (i.e. you should conduct a Lit Review of the “problem/issue” you are addressing). For example, if your problem was “an increase in juvenile incarceration”, you would conduct a lit review of juvenile incarceration and then choose a specific intervention to combat an increase in juvenile incarceration. Also, in one or two sentences describe your plan for addressing the problem with the chosen intervention.
3. **Discussion:** This section should include a thorough discussion of the following:
   a. Strengths and limitations of the intervention.
   b. Think **critically** about the barriers, challenges, and benefits to actually implementing the intervention for your chosen problem.
      i. Does this intervention take into account issues of cultural competency and social work values and ethics? For example, might various social, ethnic, and demographic groups experience this intervention differently?
      ii. How might an agency (or community’s) culture factor into the implementation and/or success of this type of intervention?
      iii. Might funding limitations “water down” or change the protocol in a way that might affect efficacy?
      iv. What agency infrastructure would need to be in place to implement the program? If not currently in place, would change the infrastructure be a realistic possibility?
      v. How would community values factor into efficacy?
      vi. What type of resistance might you encounter if you were to advocate to change/add this intervention to current practice?
      vii. Would you be able to show efficacy if you implemented this intervention? If not, how would you justify continuing to allocate resources to this effort?
   c. If the intervention is already used in your agency, provide a brief case example (no real names or identifying information) of how it is being implemented. Critique how well you think the intervention addresses the problems or issues the family presents.
   d. If the intervention is not used in your agency, why not? (you could use a case example to illustrate why this intervention might be more effective than (or an appropriate addition to) your agency’s current practice.
   e. Evaluate your agency’s overall use of evidence-based practice. Is this an organization in which research and innovative ideas are actively sought out? Why? Why not? What will this mean for you as a practitioner when you begin working in this type of agency?

4. **References & Writing:** Provide an accurate list of all cited sources in APA format (minimum of 8). The paper should be clearly and concisely written and checked for errors prior to submission.

This assignment is designed to permit you to blend academic research, professional, and personal experiences to learn more about a specific intervention and to enhance professional development that is essential for social work practice. This assignment is also designed to get you to think beyond the “box” about alternative practices that may not be currently used in your agency. If creative strategies are being used, explain why you think they are essential or why they are not working. Example of how to write a literature review:

http://guides.library.ucsc.edu/content.php?pid=364099&sid=2979701

**Grading Rubric for Final Assignment:**

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<td>Presentation</td>
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<td>(factsheet and any other handouts) Visual aids are well prepared, informative, effective, and not distracting.</td>
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**Intervention Presentation:** *Must be uploaded to the Learn@UW before class on December 10*

Students will conduct a 15 minute presentation related to field placements or a specific social work interest and/or intervention (i.e. you should choose an intervention that is being used – or could be used - with the population you are currently working with in your field placement or population that you hope to work with). Explain what the problem is and then provide how you will address the problem with your chosen intervention. You can use the above discussion questions as a guide to help you with your presentation. The audience you are presenting to is the County Board.

**Requirements:**

1. Outline of your presentation (If you are doing a PowerPoint, I need those slides as well)
2. Fact Sheet on the problem to be addressed
3. Brief synopsis paper about the Intervention (1-2 pages)
4. List of references (minimum of 8)

Note: Please send me a copy of your outline, any PowerPoint (optional), and Fact Sheet 48 hours in advance. We will be conducting the presentations on December 12.
Audio/Visual components support the main points.

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Note: You **may not use an assignment that has or is being used for other classes**. If you have any concerns, please see the instructor to discuss the issue. Also, if any student has questions about a topic for any of their papers, I strongly urge you to see me. It is not wise to wait until the last minute to select the topic, as it is often necessary to refine a topic that is too broad.

All assignments must be completed on time prior to the class period it was due. For every day an assignment is late, it will be deducted three points.

**VII. Course Policies**

If you require accommodations to obtain equal access to this class or to any assignments that I may give, please contact me as soon as possible. I want all my students to have an excellent learning experience.

**Attendance Policy:**
Due to the accelerated nature of courses in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Part-Time MSW Program, students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and to arrive on time.

**Promptness**
Prompt arrival to all courses is required.
- Instructors may take actions they deem appropriate if a student is consistently tardy
- Instructors may also consider a significantly late arrival or early departure as an absence

**Absence**
To ensure a quality educational experience, students must attend and participate in classes.
- Attendance will be taken at each class and students’ level of participation noted
- Excused & Unexcused Absences:
  ~ Two unexcused absences will result in a student’s grade being dropped one full grade
  ~ Three unexcused absences will place the student at risk for failing the course
  ~ On a case by case basis, it is left to the instructor’s discretion as to what is defined as an excused absence, as well as to determine appropriate follow up plans
- Additional graded make-up work appropriate for the content missed will be assigned for excused and unexcused absences. For example, students would be required to complete a three-page paper on the content missed for that day.
- Students are responsible for completing any class requirements for the day missed, and for obtaining from a fellow classmate any assignments, materials, and communications missed due to absence, late arrival, or early departure.

**Inclement Weather Policy**
~ Students who must be absent due to inclement weather or other emergencies must contact the instructor prior to the start of class to be considered for an *excused* absence.
~ In the event that classes must be cancelled due to inclement weather, students must check their email for instructions about how to actively engage in the material for that missed week, in lieu of meeting in person.
~ If classes are not cancelled, but an individual student concludes he/she cannot safely travel to reach his/her class site, the student must contact his/her instructor(s) regarding his/her plan to not travel. This absence will be considered excused and makeup work will be assigned.

**Student Behavior Policy**
In order to learn, we must be open to the views of people different from ourselves. Each and every voice in the classroom is important and brings with it a wealth of experiences, values and beliefs. In this time we share together over the semester, please honor the uniqueness of your fellow classmates, and appreciate the opportunity we have to learn from each other. Please respect your fellow students’ opinions and refrain from personal attacks or demeaning comments of any kind. Finally, remember to keep confidential all issues of a personal or professional nature discussed in class.

**Code of Ethics, Student Rights and Responsibilities & Plagiarism**
BSW and incoming MSW students read and signed electronic forms of the NASW Code of Ethics, the School of Social Work Plagiarism Policy and the Student Rights and Responsibilities. In doing so, they agreed that while in the BSW or MSW Program they would honor the NASW Code of Ethics and Student’s Rights and Responsibilities, as well as adhere to the Plagiarism Policy and that should they not do so, sanctions would be imposed. BSW and MSW students are expected to adhere to these policies in the classroom, in the field and in the preparation of course assignments.