Nebraska Wesleyan University

SOCWK 5340 Social Advocacy in Social Work

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Course Description

In this advanced practice course students will increase their abilities in their analytical and critical thinking skills related to policy analysis. Students will explore how trauma impacts communities and how political advocacy can be a tool to fight for social, racial, economic, and
environmental justice. Students will recognize the impact of trauma because of oppressive and anti-racist policy practices that limit access to basic human rights. Students will explore how policy practice impacts clients at the local, state, federal and/or global level. Students will work to engage in their own strategies to empower
change with diversity, equity and inclusion as a guide. Students will explore policy change processes that will help to better meet the needs of those who have experienced trauma at the micro, mezzo, and/or macro level.

Prerequisite(s): SOCWK 5300 Nature of Trauma and Traumatic Experience.

Course Hours

3 hours

Departments

1. Social Work (Graduate)