

Course Competency

FSE 2061 THANATOLOGY

Course Description

This course emphasizes the psychological and sociological dynamics of death, dying, and bereavement and the funeral director's role in counseling families through the process. A clear understanding of the grief process and its variations among individuals as influenced by psychological factors is addressed. The course also addresses the funeral director as a facilitating agent for effective mourning through personal interaction and the design and implementation of the funeral.

Course Competency	Learning Outcomes
<p>Competency 1:The student will learn how family structures change after a death by:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical thinking 2. Information Literacy 3. Cultural / Global Perspective 4. Ethical Issues
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Differentiating the several standard sociological family types (nuclear, extended, etc.). 2. Identifying how a death event changes the family structure based on who dies. 3. Defining the coping mechanisms that family members can use when suffering a loss. 	
<p>Competency 2:The student will examine issues of grief, death, and coping mechanisms of children and adolescents by:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical thinking 2. Information Literacy 3. Cultural / Global Perspective 4. Ethical Issues 5. Social Responsibility
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying the cognitive levels of children from birth until adolescence. 2. Explain how attachment theory can affect grief responses of children and adolescents. 3. Identify common age related stressors that 	

<p>impact how children and teens cope with grief.</p>	
<p>Competency 3:The student will identify positive traits of effective counselors by</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical thinking 2. Information Literacy 3. Cultural / Global Perspective 4. Social Responsibility 5. Ethical Issues
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Differentiating between verbal and non-verbal communication. 2. Comparing the levels of proficiency and how skills are improved. 3. Describe the benefits of effective communication and counseling techniques on the entire funeral process. 	

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