

# SWPH-603: Proseminar - The Individual

Focuses on theories and conceptual approaches used as the knowledge base for social work practice with individuals. Theories covered draw from biological, psychological, sociological, and cultural perspectives. Emphasis given to enhancing the student's reasoning repertoire with respect to articulating a rationale for selecting a theoretical perspective for a social work purpose. Critical variables related to social work theory identified, assumptions assessed, values examined, and empirical evidence analyzed. With an interest in developing the theoretical knowledge base of social work practice with individuals, especially people of color, emphasis is placed on integrating selected and related constructs, e.g., empowerment and world views, into theory and knowledge for ethnically sensitive and culturally competent practice.

**Credits:** 3

**Program:** Social Work Ph.D. Program