



SWK456/556 GENERALIST
PRACTICE WITH GROUPS,
ORGANIZATIONS, AND
COMMUNITIES

Prayer to Begin a New Semester

Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new semester, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

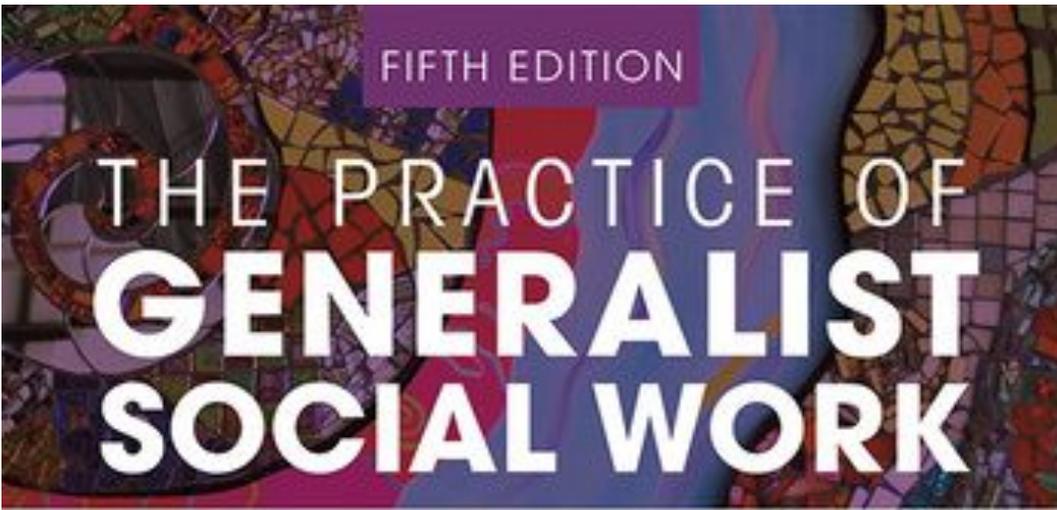
Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be place in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this semester. We thank you, Lord. Amen

— Xavier University website.



Course Overview

E360 course site, includes the syllabus

Weekly postings under "Lessons"

DropBox for assignments

Grades entered and viewed on E360

Textbook

Mezzo-Level Social Work Practice

- Mezzo-level practitioners work primarily with and in small groups.
 - Treatment groups: Groups of clients who are receiving social work services in a group format, led by a social worker.
 - Task groups: Groups of professionals (can be interdisciplinary) who come together for the purposes of planning and decision making on behalf of clients and client groups. For example, staff meetings. Task groups can also happen in the context of macro practice, such as neighborhood meetings and community task forces. Social workers are often participants in task groups, and often are the leaders of such groups.

Macro-Level Social Work Practice

- Macro-level practitioners work primarily in and with organizations and communities, including policy advocacy.
 - Organizations: Supervisors, Program Directors and Program Developers, Evaluation Specialists, Volunteer Coordinators, Agency Directors, Non-Profit Management
 - Communities: Community Organizer, Community Education Initiatives, Policy Development and Advocacy, Larger-Scale Activism