Unique opportunity for graduate (and approved undergraduate) students interested in working with Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

Transition of Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (YSHCN) in Practice and Policy
Spring 2018

(SW 395K, 61605)
(SW 360K, 61260)

Instructor: Kendra Koch, PhD
When: Thursday 2:30-5:30
Where: SSW 2.132

This interdisciplinary course is designed to explore transition of Youth with Special Healthcare needs (YSHCN) from pediatric to adult care. Through learning about transition, students will also learn about a range of issues related to Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs, including mental health issues in transition, overcoming challenges with complex and palliative populations, communication in healthcare settings, patient-and-family centered care, barriers to transition, and understanding the professional role of healthcare professionals in the practice of transition. Classes will focus on problem-solving, practice, and implementation within medical and community environments.

Other Issues to be explored include:

- Transition and medical home practice
- Primary areas of transition including education, medicine, vocation, psycho-social need
- Transition of families
- Transition readiness and planning for youth
- Understanding the roles of autonomy, identity, development, and perspective of YSHCN in client decision-making and self-care.