

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Identify the topics deemed foundational to sound forensic social work knowledge
- 2) Cite a summary of the history of the field of forensic social work with special attention to the cross-cultural nature of social work and the law
- 3) Examine the court context of forensic social work practice, focusing on criminal, consultant and child welfare examples
- 4) Identify mental health and addiction intervention factors and their factors on the transitioning back into the community, highlighting unique and special challenges
- 5) Examine the socio-political factors directing children to the Juvenile Justice System including a critical examination of racial disparities and how these play out at crucial decision points for youth and adolescents
- 6) Describe a step-by-step approach to the forensic social worker's role in sentencing advocacy, translating core social work skills into the special needs for working effectively with a defense team
- 7) Explain the significant benefit of law enforcement to the variety of forensic of forensic social work functions including working with domestic violence, child protection and dependent and older adult protection