



HDFS 5002.001
Bullying and Victimization in Childhood and Adolescence
Fall 2016

Course and Instructor Information

Course Title: Special Topics: Bullying and Victimization in Childhood and Adolescence (HDFS 5002.001)

Credits: 3

Format: Online

Prerequisites: completion of undergraduate degree, enrolled in graduate program

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Course Description

This online course provides graduate students with a comprehensive and critical understanding of bullying in childhood and adolescence. As bullying is a multi-faceted problem, the course will address the role that peers, families, schools, media, culture, and governmental policies play in both perpetuating youth bullying and helping to reduce bullying of youth. We will examine the impact of bullying on psychological functioning, social adjustment, and physical health of youth, and factors that increase risk versus resilience in youth who are bullied. Students will learn about research on school-based prevention and intervention programs, assessment of bullying in youth, and laws and policies to address youth bullying. This course is relevant for diverse disciplines relevant to youth health and wellbeing, including *Human Development & Family Studies, Social Work, Psychology, Education, Nursing, Allied Health*, and others.

Course Objectives

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

1. Discuss factors that influence bullying of youth.
2. Evaluate empirical research on youth bullying and characteristics of effective prevention and intervention programs.
3. Analyze laws and policies addressing youth bullying.
4. Relate research on youth bullying to clinical, health and education practices.
5. Apply professional experiences to relevant course topics.

For more information about this course or a copy of the full syllabus, please email Rebecca.puhl@uconn.edu