GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE
Office of the Provost

Course Approval

Department: Educational Administration Department

Title: Community Organization for Community-Adult Education

Sponsor(s): Dr. Maurice G. Verbeke
Dr. Richard L. Wendler

No. of Credits: 3

Approved by the department: Graduate (x)
Not recommended by the department: Undergraduate ( )

Information copies forwarded: Academic Dean; Chairman; Curriculum Committee

Signature: Department Chairman

ACADEMIC DEAN

Course syllabus received

Approved as submitted. Returned to department; open hearing authorized
Approved as revised. Returned to department for concurrence
Returned to department for revision

Comments:

Signature: Academic Dean

OPEN HEARING

Forwarded to the Curriculum Committee for review
Copies of proposal forwarded to Curriculum Committee members
Open hearing held by the department
Referred to the Academic Dean for the following reason(s):

Signature: Department Chairman

Signature: Reviewer, Curriculum Committee

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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Approved proposal received

Returned to the department for the following reason(s):

Approved by the Curriculum Committee

Presented to Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate as information

Notifications forwarded: Academic Dean; Department Chairman

Signature, Chairman, Curriculum Committee

ACADEMIC DEAN

I have reviewed the final documents as approved and concur with same. Budget, faculty and library resources are adequate for immediate implementation.

I have reviewed the final documents as approved and concur with same. Budget, faculty and/or library allocations for the current academic year are inadequate for immediate implementation or implementation in the next fiscal year. The earliest that the proposal might be implemented would be ____________________.

HEGIS Taxonomy Number: 0807.620

Signature: Academic Dean

Copies forwarded: Chairman, Curriculum Committee; Department Chairman; Provost; Registrar

REGISTRAR

Approved course description received

Signature, Registrar

PROVOST

Official copy and approval sheet filed

Signature, Provost (or designee)
TO: College Curriculum Committee

FROM: Dr. Maurice G. Verbeke, Chairman
       Educational Administration Department

RE: Graduate Course: Community Organization for Community-Adult Education

The Educational Administration Department requests that the following course in Community Organization for Community-Adult Education be evaluated by the Curriculum Committee. It is hoped that, if all governing bodies approve, this course would be implemented during the Spring 1973 semester. Pertinent data are:

I. Identification of the Proposal

A. Name: Community Organization for Community-Adult Education

B. Sponsors: Dr. Maurice G. Verbeke, Professor and Chairman, Educational Administration Department and Dr. Richard Wendler, Program Advisor, Supervision and Curriculum Development Program

II. Statement from the Department Chairman

This course is proposed as a graduate specialization elective in the Community-Adult Education emphasis of the Supervision and Curriculum Development Graduate Program. In addition, the course could be an elective in the graduate programs in Elementary and Secondary Administration.

At the present time a complete concentration in the area of Community-Adult Education is being formulated for presentation to the Curriculum Committee; however, this course is one now needed to take care of a need of many graduate students interested in Community-Adult Education.
The department has personnel available, either in its staff or in its adjunct staff bank, with the background necessary to implement this course. Library facilities and materials are available through the Savitz Learning Resource Center, the Adult Education Resource Center, the Educational Improvement Center, and the various Community-Adult Education Centers in the southern New Jersey area. In addition, communications are being developed to utilize the resources of the community organizations who community education people will be working with in the field. Also, the department makes excellent use of the New Jersey State Department of Education's personnel and resources as well as having a close and working relationship with the Community Education Development Center at Montclair State College.

It is anticipated that there will be a class enrollment of 18 to 25 people training to become community school supervisors, teachers, and administrators.

III. Outline of the Proposal

A. Essence of the Proposal

1. Course title: Community Organization for Community-Adult Education
2. Semester hours of credit: 3
3. Course level and prerequisites: Graduate, no prerequisites
4. Curriculum pattern: Specialization elective
5. Enrollment: 25 people

B. Details of the Proposal and Its Rationale

1. Uniqueness of the course: Community Involvement is the key factor in community education. In the working of the community education program is the ingredient called PEOPLE who have grown to feel that contact with others is a necessary part of their life, worth thinking about, and worth working for. The more each person or group feels a responsibility for the success or failure in any phase of any school operation, the better the chance that the community will actually use this resource.

"Community Education is a concept which serves the entire community by providing for all of the educational needs for all of its community. It uses the local school or some other agency to serve as a catalyst and to bring community resources to bear on the community problems in an effort to develop a positive sense of community, to improve living conditions, and to develop the community process toward the end of self-actualization."¹

¹Dr. Jack Minzey, Director, Center for Community Education, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
New Jersey Governor William T. Cahill has indicated that the concept of Community Education has the "ingredients for solving problems within local school districts. Community participation in the educational process and utilization and coordination of local resources are basic for meaningful change." He further goes on to state that the "maximum use of facilities, community involvement, and effective coordination of human resources must be the basis for these efforts."  

The proposed course seeks to make a major contribution to the Community Education movement by providing prospective teachers, supervisors, and administrators theory and experiences with all aspects of community life. This should help these educational leaders to span the gulf between what is known about community organizations and the ability to use this knowledge in an operational setting.

2. Specific objectives of the course: Students will be able to:
   
a. Identify what the majority of citizens think about community conditions and what needs to be done to improve these conditions.
   
b. Identify what resources the community does have as far as community organizations are concerned.
   
c. Identify those community groups which are available in the community. Examples are:
      Boy and Girl Scouts
      Church Groups
      Social Welfare Agencies
      Fraternal Groups
      Theatre Groups
      Governmental Agencies
      Ethnic Groups
      PTA's
      Unions
      Management Associations
      Political Action Groups
      Service Organizations
      Youth Groups
      Recreational Groups
      Civic Groups
      Senior Citizen Groups
   
d. Analyze how these community organizations are structured and how they operate.

e. Understand how formal organizations as well as informal organizations work within all of these community groups.
f. Understand the nature of the responsibility and role of the community education worker.
g. Inventory programs and services of all social, educational, recreational, health, and civic organizations.
h. Understand the process orientation necessary to develop the communities capacity to work on common problems.
i. Understand that involvement of the areas citizens in the community education program will enhance the formal educational plan for the 6 through 17 years of age group.
j. Assume some sort of "on-hands" involvement under actual operational conditions.
k. Undertake, in consultation with the instructor, an in-depth analysis of a specific problem.
l. Design and implement a particular project regarding community organization.
m. Evaluate the effectiveness of a community organization program.
n. Cognizant of future developments in the field of community organizations.

3. Scope of course: Topical outline

a. Introduction to community organization.
b. The process of community involvement.
c. Characteristics of community organizations.
d. Survey of community organizations and their resources.
e. Evaluation and planning for community organizations.
f. Application of some sort of community organization involvement.

4. Teaching Methods: This group will be taught using a variety of educational experiences with an emphasis on small group, individual, and on-hands experiences. In addition, these experiences will be augmented by field trips, to selected community organizations, guest speakers, video tapes, readings, and written and oral reports.

5. Methods of Evaluation:

a. Progress on readings of related literature.
b. Observation of students in on-hands experiences.
c. Designing and implementation of a project.
d. Written final examination.
e. Written critique of course.

C. Consultation

Dr. Thomas Sykes, Superintendent, Gloucester City Public Schools
Mr. Barry Semple, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, New Jersey Department of Education
Mr. Ralph DiSibbio, Assistant to Superintendent, Gloucester City Public Schools
Mrs. Dolores Harris, Director, Adult Education Resource Center
Mr. Frank Johnson, Educational Improvement Center, Pitman, N.J.
Mr. Leo Cantelope, Director of Community Education, Willingboro Public Schools
Miss Sue Fletcher, Director, Community Education Development Center, Montclair State College
Mr. John Ratig, Educational Improvement Center, Pitman, N.J.