This course focuses on assessment and intervention strategies for social workers working with Indigenous individuals, families, and communities. American Indian, Native American, First Nations, Maori, Aboriginal, and Torres Strait Islander families may experience intergenerational trauma related to structural oppression: coercive removal, colonization, aggressive assimilation, traumatic disconnection and family separation, residential schools, and discrimination.

Strengths, resiliency, and the vital, active, and the continued presence of Indigenous communities are emphasized. The course provides foundational knowledge and culturally relevant skills necessary to work effectively with Indigenous clients by centering Indigenous values and approaches to healing trauma, and holistic and culturally relevant assessments and interventions.