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Dr. Joosten-Hagye specializes in working with older and disabled adults with behavioral health, chronic health & life threatening illnesses

Biography

Dr. Joosten-Hagye currently teaches SOWK 637 Assessing Wellness for Recovery in Integrated Care, SOWK 643 Social Work Practice in Integrated Care, and SOWK 692 Loss, Grief and Bereavement. She has taught numerous practice, research, policy, and theory courses at the Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. Her teaching is informed by her her practice, service and research. She is a licensed clinical social worker who worked as a medical social worker for Providence Health Services 16 years in acute care, transitional care, sub-acute care, skilled nursing, palliative care and home health care settings. She conducted over 8,000 home visits. For over 5 years she provided group psychotherapy in inpatient, intensive outpatient, and partial hospitalization behavioral health programs for Mission Hospital. She specializes in collaborative practice with older and disabled adults and their families/caregivers living with behavioral health, chronic, and life threatening illnesses. Her specialties include crisis intervention, chronic disease self-management, end-of-life and advance care planning, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Problem Solving Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Grief Counseling, and Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction. Her service and research emphasize Interprofessional Education (IPE) training. She is the lead Social Work Faculty for the GWEP Interprofessional Geriatric Curriculum program at USC, comprised of faculty and students from Social Work, Medicine, Physician Assistant, Psychology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, and Dentistry that includes didactic IPE and home visits with older adults in low-income residential settings. She is lead social work faculty for a virtual multi-university IPE training program of online health and related profession graduate and doctoral students. During the COVID-19 pandemic she worked collaboratively with Keck Family Medicine and GWEP partners in the Age Friendly Student Senior Connection program, a program that matched healthcare and related graduate & doctoral students with an older adult for social calls to combat isolation and loneliness. In 2019, her textbook Social Work Practice with Older Adults: An Evidence-based Approach was released. She is co-editing a textbook scheduled for release in 2021 on Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice. She is a consulting editor for the Journal of Health and Social Work and Certified Grief Counselor.

Industry Expertise

Research, Social Services, Education/Learning, Elder Care, Public Policy

Areas of Expertise

Interprofessional education and collaboration, Older Adults, Chronic Illness, Social Work, Social Work Education, Behavioral Healthcare, Evidence-Based Practice

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph. D.

California State University, Long Beach

M. S. W.

California State University, Long Beach

B. A.

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