SR950 Clinical and Applied Sociology

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Professor

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Select One (1) Core Essential Element from the Syllabus Outline:

a. Weekend Residency: Create a 350-word original discussion paper (with cited

sources) during the week of the residency. Be prepared to discuss and engage

with other students during the live sessions. Post this document in DIAL.

b. Professor will check for quality of content and word-count requirements. Grade

assigned will be Credit or No Credit (CR/NC).

**Clinical Sociology**

“Clinical sociology is the implementation and evaluation of interventions for groups, organizations and communities using sociological theories and methods” (Reichard, 2023, p. 369). Though clinical sociology is not social work, they bear a confounding resemblance based on intervention through “case analysis. They both focus on therapeutic encounters for systematic change and have similar intervention approaches to problem solving. However, they depart on theoretical principles and outcomes for change wherein social work does not often focus on societal change but more systems of change for individuals and groups of people. Clinical sociology however does not focus on individual change. Clinical sociology is a fairly new concept for the researcher, but is aligned to work in social work. Clinical sociology is considered the next stage after applied sociological problem identification in the sociological intervention process. My reflection as a Christian is that clinical sociology is akin to God’s work of impacting constructive social change for groups, communities and society.

In their study, Cummings et al (2024) adapts a clinical sociological and community engaged research approach to homelessness in Canada, using sociological tools while integrating a life skills programme. The outcomes for the group are impressive. The study highlights the importance and usefulness of clinical sociological intervention approach which addresses the needs of the group, designs and delivers a programme and evaluates and reflects on the outcomes.

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