Learning Objectives:

1) Identify the topics deemed foundational to sound forensic social work knowledge

2) Cite a summary of the history of the field of forensic social work with special attention to the cross-cultural nature of social work and the law

3) Examine the court context of forensic social work practice, focusing on criminal, consultant and child welfare examples

4) Identify mental health and addiction intervention factors and their factors on the transitioning back into the community, highlighting unique and special challenges

5) Examine the socio-political factors directing children to the Juvenile Justice System including a critical examination of racial disparities and how these play out at crucial decision points for youth and adolescents

6) Describe a step-by-step approach to the forensic social worker’s role in sentencing advocacy, translating core social work skills into the special needs for working effectively with a defense team

7) Explain the significant benefit of law enforcement to the variety of forensic of forensic social work functions including working with domestic violence, child protection and dependent and older adult protection