

- *Answer these two questions, using as many of the relevant course readings as possible, and any other sources you wish. Each answer should be about three to four double-spaced pages long, excluding references. Clearly reference your assertions in APA style. If you cite actual text from readings, quotation marks and page numbers are needed. Use long quotations sparingly. Use your own words whenever possible. Be clear and concise and express yourself with correct grammar and syntax.*
- *Use one title page for the whole assignment. One-inch margins on all sides. Number all pages. No need to rewrite the questions on the assignment, simply use the number.*
- *This is graded on (1) completeness of the answer, (2) accurate understanding and representation of readings, (3) clarity of expression, proper syntax, grammar, and spelling, correct use of APA style.*
- **Email your assignment no later than *Wednesday February 24, 2010 at 5 pm* as a Word document to cohenda@fiu.edu identified as: Yourlastname_Yourfirstname_1.doc (Keep a copy!)**

QUESTION 1: First, find different definitions of *medicalization* by different authors of the assigned readings and compare and contrast them. Second, discuss how consumers are contributing to medicalization. Third, from three different readings, describe four examples of medicalization driven by pharmaceutical companies. Fourth, give two examples of medicalization that you have personally observed in your practicum or elsewhere (reminder: do not automatically equate use of psychotropic drugs with medicalization). Finally, discuss how you would teach beginning social work students to be critically aware of this process (besides giving them a lecture and readings).

QUESTION 2: Social workers in all practice areas and professional roles are increasingly expected to understand and use an evidence-based practice approach. First, summarize the key ideas and characteristics of Gambrill's version of evidence-based practice (EBP) and provide some background information on reasons for EBP's development. Second, compare and contrast the view that Gambrill puts forward with other views of EBP that she describes in her article. Third, identify and summarize your understanding of two choices to be made in adopting an EBP approach in a child welfare agency, as well as two obstacles to the integration of EBP. Finally, read Gambrill's discussion of the various professionals and the responsibilities that would be involved in implementing her view of EBP. Select a professional role that you have some familiarity with (i.e., practitioner, administrator, etc.) and an organizational setting for that role, and present two real or hypothetical scenarios — relevant to that role and its organizational setting — that describe opportunities to integrate an EBP approach. Be specific in detailing the choices and actions involved that make each scenario an example of "evidence-based practice" as Gambrill describes it.