

SWK100 Development of Social Work and Social Services in Singapore

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY REGULAR SEMESTER

Synopsis:

This is an introductory course on the development of social work practice and social services in Singapore. The course begins by situating the development of social work in Singapore within the broader historical context of how social work became a profession in other countries. The development of social work in Singapore is also shaped by the country's historical, political, social and economic contexts. The principles, values and key social theories underpinning social work practice will be discussed. Students will also gain an understanding of how social services are developed in Singapore and discuss contemporary issues on services for children, families and the elderly. In particular, the role of social workers in the development of social services will be explored.

Topics:

- Historical development of social work in Singapore and in other countries.
- Defining social work as a profession; roles and functions of a social worker.
- Principles and values of social work.
- Social work theories and models of practice.
- Social service development in Singapore.
- Social policy development in Singapore.
- Services for families
- Services for children
- Services for young people.
- Services for the elderly.
- Services for people with disabilities.
- Widening income gap and social inequality.

Textbooks:

Social Work in Singapore Context 2nd Kalyani K. Mehta & Ann Wee Pearson
ISBN-13: 9789814586252

SWK100 Study Guide
ISBN-13: SG-1972

Learning Outcome:

- Outline the development of social work practice in Singapore and in other countries.
- Identify key social theories or models of practice that frame social work in Singapore.
- Explain social policy and social services in Singapore.
- Discuss issues related to social services for various vulnerable social groups in Singapore.
- Describe the role of social workers in the development of social services.
- Demonstrate principles and values of social work practice.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	5
	DISCUSSION BOARD 1	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	35
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.