

SWK106e Introduction to Social Work

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

This course serves as a foundation module for Social Work students and will provide an overview to students an understanding of the development, nature, purpose, values, principles, theories and other major concepts of the Social Work profession. It will also introduce students to the different roles, functions and core skills of the Social Work profession. The course will also provide students with an understanding of the core concepts relating to social policies and social welfare.

Topics:

- Historical development of Social Work as a profession
- Development of Social work in Singapore
- Introduction and overview of Social Work
- Defining professional practice
- Principles and Values
- Major Social Work Theories
- Methods of Social Work Practice
- Roles and Functions of the Social Worker
- Social Welfare, Social Market and Social Policies
- Developing and Implementing Social Policies
- Skills for Practice and Professional Development
- Contemporary Social Work Issues

Textbooks:

Kalyani K. Mehta & Ann Wee: Social Work in Singapore Context (2nd Edition) <eBook> 2 Pearson
ISBN-13: 9789814586252

Learning Outcome:

- Discuss the development of the historical perspective of Social Work in Britain, the United States and Singapore.
- Explain the mission, values, principles, purpose and nature of the Social Work profession.
- Identify concepts relevant to the study of social work.
- Describe the different social work theories and concepts.
- Differentiate the different roles and function of Social Workers.
- Apply the professional values and principles and develop a sense of professionalism in practice.
- Interpret and comment on social policies.

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

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