

SWK403 Social Work Practice II: Groupwork and Community Organisation

Level: 4

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY REGULAR SEMESTER

Synopsis:

Social Work Practice II: Groupwork and Community Organisation teaches the other two contemporary methods of social work: groupwork and community organisation. The emphasis is on applying strengths-based, planned change and the generalist model to practice with a variety of groups including task groups, support groups, treatment groups and educational groups and diverse communities. The course focuses on understanding the process and skills in working with groups and communities at the various stages. Theories of community development will be covered along with types of advocacy and approaches to ameliorate adverse environmental conditions will also be covered.

Topics:

- Social Work with groups and communities
- Overview of Groups and Groupwork
- Groupwork theories
- Group Dynamics
- Groupwork skills and co-leadership
- Stages of groupwork
- Overview of Community and community work
- Community Encounter framework & Needs Assessment
- Community Work Theories
- Models, strategies and tactics in working with communities
- Social Action and Advocacy
- Specific Issues in groupwork and community work

Textbooks:

Social Work Macro Practice 6th Ellen F. Netting, Peter M. Kettner, Steve McMurty Pearson
ISBN-13: 9780133948622

An Introduction to Group Work Practice 8th Toseland, Ronald, W. & Rivas, Robert, F. Pearson
ISBN-13: 9781292160290

Learning Outcome:

- Examine systems and problem solving theories and the strengths perspective as applied to work with groups and communities
- Analyze group work and community organisation theory and knowledge
- Evaluate the social change process using research and evaluation skills
- Discuss ethical issues in social work practice with groups and communities.
- Assess groups and communities with knowledge of human growth and behavior and social environment.
- Plan purposeful group and community work in culturally appropriate ways

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	50
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.