

SWK509 Social Research and Programme Evaluation

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

Social Research and Programme Evaluation provides an overview of methods commonly used in social science research and evaluation. Emphasis will be applied to ethical issues in social work research as well as the utilisation of research and evaluation for practice. Research design studied includes both qualitative and quantitative approaches. The emphasis is on strengthening the linkages between evidence-based knowledge, theory and practice evaluation. Methods of programme and practice evaluation assess efficiency and effectiveness in social service delivery will also be examined. Students will also be introduced to the use of computers in data analysis.

Topics:

- Evidenced-Based Practice
- Role of research and evaluation in social work
- Research process & methods of inquiry
- Ethics and politics in research and evaluation
- Culturally competent research
- Philosophy and theoretical paradigms in social work research
- Formulating research problem and research questions
- Social work research design and implementation
- Research bias, prejudice and errors
- Writing research proposals and reports
- Research designs for evaluating programs and practice
- Programme evaluation

Textbooks:

Rubin/Babbie: Empowerment Series Research Methods Social Work (eBook) 9th Edition Cengage
ISBN-13: 9789814844567

Learning Outcome:

- Compare the quantitative and qualitative methods commonly used in research designs and programme evaluation.
- Demonstrate practical skills in the use of computers in research.
- Examine research bias, particularly with regard to issues of diversity and have the appropriate knowledge and skills for culturally competent and ethical research and evaluation.
- Discuss literature searches and reviews in research and literature.
- Evaluate and interpret data as well as critique evaluation reports.
- Plan both summative and formative evaluations on social work practice.

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

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