

SWK569 Theory and Practice of Youthwork

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

Theory and Practice of Youthwork is to complement the School Social Work course. It examines youths at risk of juvenile delinquency by providing conceptual and practical information on key issues and problems like anti social behaviour, youth gangs, bullying, shoplifting and teenage pregnancies. Prevention and intervention techniques will be covered to prepare the students to work effectively with this client group and improve their lives.

Topics:

- Youth in community setting
- Theories underpinning Youthwork
- Key Issues and Challenges
- At Risk Categories
- Interventions – Behavioural therapies, individual, group and family
- Interventions – Prophylactic, outreach and prevention
- Legal and Ethical Issues
- Youths and Suicide
- Youths and Crimes
- Youths and Technology
- Gangs and Bullying in School
- Developing the potentials in youths

Textbooks:

The SAGE Handbook of Youth Work Practice Dana Fusco, Pam Alldred, Fin Cullen, and Kathy Edwards Sage
ISBN-13: 9781526416407

Learning Outcome:

- Analyse the school setting in a community context and the problems and challenges facing students.
- Appraise youth problems and strengths in assessment.
- Choose a systems approach in working with youth within the community.
- Discuss the familial and social issues that impact youths
- Assess youth outreach and development programmes.
- Design effective prevention, leadership and training programmes for youth.

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.