### **Subject Description Form**

Subject Code	APSS3960					
Subject Title	Social Work Practice in Mental Health					
Credit Value	3					
Level	3					
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	APSS396 Mental Health and Social Work					
<b>Assessment Methods</b>						
	100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment			
	1. Short Quiz	10%	0%			
	2. Group Presentation	10%	20%			
	3. Participation & Attendance	10%	0%			
	4. Term Paper	50%	0%			
Objectives	required for passing the subject; and  • Student must pass all the components if he/she is to pass the subject.  The subject aims at:					
Objectives	developing students' awareness on mental illness and mental health;					
	<ol> <li>developing students' awareness on mental finless and mental fleath;</li> <li>developing students' empathetic understanding on the needs of clients with mental problems; and</li> </ol>					
	3. integrating social work orientation and intervention in mental health services.					

## **Intended Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:

- a. describe basic knowledge and concepts related to mental health and mental disorder;
- b. identify the needs and problems of clients with mental health problems;
- c. evaluate the mental health and psychiatric rehabilitation services in Hong Kong;
- d. describe the basic social work intervention with clients with mental health problems;
- e. examine the roles, dilemma and contribution of social work professional in mental health fields; and
- f. be aware of the current issues and future trends in mental health care.

# **Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus**

- 1. Self Reflection: Personal Feelings and Attitudes Towards Clients with Mental Problems
- 2. Social Work Values and Concepts in Mental Health and Mental Disorders
  - Various Perspectives in Mental Health
  - Various Perspectives in Mental Disorder
  - Mental Health and Mental Illness
  - Social Work Values Towards Mental Illness
  - Normalization and Social Control
- 3. Understanding Clients with Mental Disorders
  - Clients with Schizophrenia and the Experience of Delusion and Hallucination
  - Clients with Mood Disorders and Negative Feelings
  - Clients with Personality Disorders and Problems
  - Subjective Feelings and Experiences of Clients with Mental Illness
- 4. Social Work Intervention with Clients with Mental Health Problems
  - Social Work Intervention with Clients with Mental Problems: A Critical Review
  - Handling Psychiatric Emergencies: Practice with Social Work Orientation
  - Social Work Critics on Social Skill Training
  - Group Work Practice in Institutionalized Settings: Critics and Reflection
  - Informal Community Care with Clients with Mental Problems
- 5. Mental Health Policy and Services
  - Public Attitudes and Stigmatization
  - Rights and Legislation
  - Institutionalization and Community Care: A Historical Sketch

Teaching/Learning Methodology	of Mental Health Service in Hong Kong							
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)					
			a	b	c	d	e	f
	1. Short Quiz	10 %	<b>V</b>					V
	2. Group Presentation	30 %		√	V	√	V	<b>√</b>
	3. Participation & Attendance	10 %	<b>V</b>	V	V	V	V	√
	4. Term Paper	50 %		√	√	√	$\checkmark$	
	Total	100 %						
	Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:  By using different assessment methods in the course, students' performance and study outcomes could be fairly measured. The short quiz, which i implemented at mid-term, is used to assess students' general understanding of the key concepts. Group presentations in seminars require students to actively work on, as well as to present, a particular topic/concept and thus their learning on it could be assessed. Personal reflection and term paper both serve as the means to assess students' conceptual thinking, level of understanding and the organization of the important concepts learned in the subject.						rmance hich is ding on actively earning as the	
Student Study Effort Paguired	Class contact:							
Effort Required	■ Lecture			21 Hrs.				
	■ Seminar						1	8 Hrs.

Other student study effort:	
Academic reading every week	52 Hrs.
<ul> <li>Group discussion and preparing seminar presentation</li> </ul>	12 Hrs.
■ Written assignment	20 Hrs.
Total student study effort	123 Hrs.

## Reading List and References

#### **Essential**

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