

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS4619														
Subject Title	Social Work Theory & Practice I														
Credit Value	4														
Level	3														
Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite/ Exclusion	<u>Pre-requisite :</u> APSS3610 Generic Social Work Practice Workshop <u>Exclusion:</u> APSS3171 Social Work Theory & Practice I														
Assessment Methods	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">100% Continuous Assessment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Individual Assessment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Group Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Student's participation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Seminar and laboratory presentation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Individual assignments</td> <td style="text-align: center;">60%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and Student must pass all component(s) if he/she is to pass the subject. 			100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Student's participation	10%	0%	2. Seminar and laboratory presentation	10%	20%	3. Individual assignments	60%	0%
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Objectives	The objective of this subject is to familiarize and equip students with three selected social work intervention models. Moreover, students will be sensitized to the nature and limits of theories; ethical and cultural issues involved; issues of theories and practice integration.														
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students are able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Understand and analyze the basic assumptions, concepts and strategies of selected intervention approaches/perspectives for social work practice; b. Appraise the nature and functions of theories in social work practice and recognize what are involved in integration of theories and practice; c. Assess service users' needs/problem through exploring with relevant questions guided by the different models and implement interventions accordingly; d. Equip themselves with basic intervention skills of the intervention models; and 														

	e. Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of each intervention model and design an intervention plan in consideration of a variety of perspectives and the cultural context.								
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nature of social work practice theories and the holistic framework of practice. • Three selected intervention models: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Attachment-based Intervention b. Family-based intervention c. Social development model • Integration of theory and practice 								
Teaching/Learning Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures with small group teaching • Translate theories into practice in laboratory session • Read specified materials for preparation of the seminars • Study and rehearse the three models in depth • Apply the knowledge gained of the models to own life experience • Apply the models to contemporary problems in Hong Kong context 								
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
	1. Student's Participation		10 %		√	√	√	√	√
	2. Seminar and laboratory presentation		30%		√	√	√	√	√
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Total		100 %							
<p>Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:</p> <p>The seminar presentation requires students to critically examine the key concepts as well as their applications in direct social work practice.</p> <p>The laboratory provides a platform on which students actively experimented with the direct use of particular intervention theoretical approach, its skills, concepts & philosophy in simulated scenarios.</p> <p>The individual assignments require students to synthesize and consolidate</p>									

	their learning in the subject by applying the knowledge into their own life experiences.	
Student Study Effort Required	Class contact:	
	▪ Lecture	36 Hrs.
	▪ Seminar and Laboratory	18 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Seminar and Laboratory preparation	36 Hrs.
	▪ Individual assignments	70 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	160 Hrs.
Reading List and References	<p><u>Essential</u></p> <p>Cassidy, J., & Shaver, P. (2016). Handbook of Attachment, Third Edition: Theory, Research, and Clinical Applications. New York: Guilford Publications.</p> <p>Midgley, J., & Livermore, M. (1988). Social capital and local economic development: Implications for community social work practice. In M.S. Sherraden, & W.A. Ninacs (Eds.). Community economic development and social work (pp. 29-40). New York: Haworth Press.</p> <p>Minuchin, S. (2012). Families and family therapy (New ed.). London: Routledge.</p> <p>Nichols, M.P. (2013). Family therapy: Concepts and methods. Boston: Pearson. Chapter 3: The fundamental concepts of family therapy (pp. 54-75).</p> <p>Payne, M. (2014). Modern social work theory: A critical introduction. London: Palgrave Macmillan.</p> <p><u>Supplementary</u></p> <p>Bennett, Susanne; Nelson, Judith Kay. (2010). Adult Attachment in Clinical Social Work (Essential Clinical Social Work Series). New York, NY: Springer New York.</p> <p>Nichols, M.P. (2013). Family therapy: Concepts and methods. Boston: Pearson. Chapter 3: The fundamental concepts of family therapy (pp. 54-75).</p> <p>Oppenheim, D. & Goldsmith, D.F. (Eds.) (2007). Attachment Theory in Clinical Work with Children. New York: The Guilford Press.</p> <p>Sherraden, M. (1991). Assets and the poor: A new American welfare policy. Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe.</p> <p>Walsh, F. (2006). Strengthening family resilience. New York: Guilford Press.</p>	

	<p>Practice principles and guidelines to strengthen family resilience.</p> <p>Woolcock, M., & Narayan, D. (2000). Social capital: Implications for development theory, research, and policy. <i>The World Bank Research Observer</i>, 15(2), 225-249.</p>
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