

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS5781														
Subject Title	Advanced Social Work Theory & Practice II														
Credit Value	3														
Level	5														
Pre-requisite	APSS5780 Advanced Social Work Theory and Practice I APSS5790 Social Work Practice Workshop APSS5792 Critical Introduction to Social Work * <i>* for students admitted in the MSW programme in 2017/18 and thereafter</i>														
Assessment Methods	<table><tr><td>100% Continuous Assessment</td><td>Individual Assessment</td><td>Group Assessment</td></tr><tr><td>1. Seminar Presentation</td><td></td><td>40%</td></tr><tr><td>2. Participation</td><td>10%</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>3. Term Paper</td><td>50%</td><td></td></tr></table> • 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 the specific component(s) (standard of passing) if he/she is to pass the subject.			100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Seminar Presentation		40%	2. Participation	10%		3. Term Paper	50%	
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Objectives	This subject focuses on professional practice involving the dynamic and interactive processes of engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation at multiple levels. Social workers are expected to have the knowledge and skills to practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. This subject aims to equip students with the basic abilities to recognize and select appropriate intervention theories to inform these practice processes with innovation. In addition, this subject will also touch upon the ethical issues, dilemmas and politics of social work intervention practice.														
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. Recognize how different approaches/perspectives that will affect the implementation of the tasks and roles in social work practice b. Select appropriate intervention theories with reference to the situations and the needs of service users														

	c. identify ethical issues and dilemmas of professional practice d. recognize the moral, political and cultural dimensions of social work interventions																																		
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	• Recognizing and applying theories, approaches and models in guiding social work practice • Working with individuals: choice theory • Working with families: structural family therapy • Working with/in community: Empowerment & Strengths Perspective, Social Development models and Structural Social Work • Moral-political-cultural nature of social work practice • Integration of theory and practice: the role of reflection and practice knowledge in integration of theory and practice • Innovation in practice and intervention																																		
Teaching/Learning Methodology	In addition to lectures conducted by the subject teacher, self-reflection exercises, audio-visual materials, simulation games, and demonstration will be used to facilitate classroom teaching. Web-based Learning is also used to facilitate student learning. Seminars will be used to enable the students to discuss practice issues related to the knowledge learned in the class. A small group of around 4 students will organize discussion, case studies or debates among their fellow classmates. In seminar sessions, the subject teacher will serve as a consultant and a resource person.																																		
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	(2) Participation through class exercises is an idea creation, data collection, thinking and writing exercise for students to apply a theoretical framework to analyze a practice issue. (3) The small group presentation encourages students to explore a case/social issue in good depth, and facilitate the learning and discussion.	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	▪ Lectures	26 Hrs.
	▪ Seminars	13 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Self-study (3 hrs x14 weeks)	42 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for Seminar Presentation	10 Hrs.
	▪ Preparation for Term Paper	24 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	115 Hrs.
Reading List and References	Recommended textbook Bogo, M. (2018). <i>Social work practice: Integrating concepts, processes, and skills</i>. 2nd ed. NY: Columbia University Press. (e-book) Payne, M. (2014). <i>Modern social work theory: A critical introduction</i>, 4th ed. London: Palgrave. Macmillan. (e-book) Essential <u>Ethics and technology</u> NASW, ASWB, CSWE & CSWA (2017) <i>NASW, ASWB, CSWE & CSWA standards for technology in social work practice</i>. DC: Authors. Reamer, F.G. (2018). <i>Social Work Values and Ethics</i>, 5th ed. New York: Columbia University Press. Reamer, F.G. (2015). Clinical social work in a digital environment: ethical and risk-management challenges. <i>Clinical Social Work Journal</i>, 43, 120-132. Reamer, F.G. (2025). <i>Artificial intelligence in the behavioral health professions: ethical and risk management issues</i>. NASW Press. <u>Theory and practice at individual level</u> Corey, G. (2023). <i>Theory and practice of group counseling (Tenth edition.)</i>. Boston, MA: Cengage. (Chapter 14: Choice theory/reality therapy in groups) (e-book) https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/polyu-ebooks/reader.action?docID=7150183&ppg=330 Ellsworth, L. (2007). <i>Choosing to Heal: Using Reality Therapy in the Treatment of Sexually Abused Children</i>. NY: Routledge. (e-book) Glasser, W. (1999) <i>Choice theory: a new psychology of personal freedom</i>. N.Y.: HarperCollins.	

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