Offshore Placement Sharing

Taiwan 2023 Summer Block

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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Agency Introduction

Introduction to the Organization

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Years of Service: 26

Staff size: below 30

Target clientele: HIV +ves, drug addicts, rehabilitated persons

Types of Services: case management, half-way house, therapeutic community, one-off activities stress-relief activities, drug anonymous group, family resilience camp, etc

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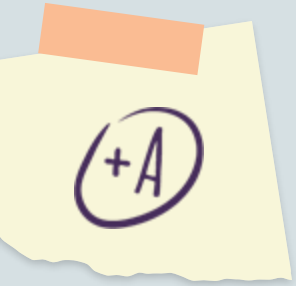
Placement Workload



Individual Workload (Jamie)

1 Single-session Case + 2 Cases + 1 Individual Program

	Service Frequency	Service Content / Theme
Child Education Subsidy Case (couple)	1 Session	✓ Joint-interview for case assessment ✓ To refer mental-health community resources for the husband
Child Education Subsidy Case (Single-parent)	2Sessions + 3 phone interviews	✓ To assess adaptation to new employment ✓ To instill insights in family relationships ✓ To enhance parenting skills
Therapeutic Community ("TC") Case	3 Sessions + 1 phone interview	✓ To instill insights in boundary issues ✓ To review client's strengths and learning in TC; consolidate positive copings
Program@TC	1 Session (2hr)	✓ To learn about own attachment style ✓ To assess partner's attachment style

Individual Workload (Brian)

1 Single-session Case + 2 Short Cases + 1 Individual Program

	Service Frequency	Service Content / Theme
Help-seeking Case	1 Session	✓ Accompanying for Injury Examination ✓ Discussing the Willingness to File Complaint ✓ Individual Meeting (Case Assessment)
Child Education Subsidy Case	3 Sessions	✓ Assessing Life Stability ✓ Discussing Family Relationship Issues ✓ Discussing the Willingness to Rent a House
Therapeutic Community Case	4 Sessions	✓ Issues related to Drugs & Self-Identity ✓ Exploring on Attachment Style ✓ Summarizing Transformation in TC
Program@TC	1 Session (1.5 hr)	TC Life - Team Building (Team Roles, Communication)

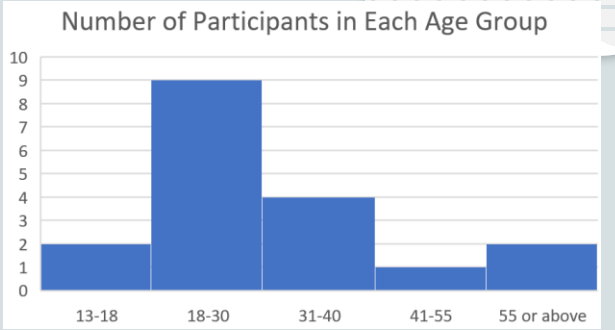
Mass Program (1) - Social Experiment

Date: July 17th (Monday afternoon)

Location: Lalaport (one of the largest shopping mall in Tai Chung

Number of participants： 18

Gender ratio: 2/3 M; 1/3 F



Explaining the concept of U=U

HIV-related "Free association" game

Mass Program (2) -
Educational Advocacy Program at Tung Hai University

Number of participants： 88

Duration: 1 hour

Goal of the program:

1)To allow students experience stigma towar

2) To break the myths about HIV+ves

Educational advocacy talk

Anti-stiga experiential game

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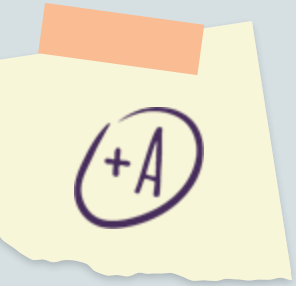
Additional Learning/ Experiencing Opportunities



Trip to Sanyi-Shengxing

Female +ve Group

Perfume Workshop

Psychodrama Camp

Overnight Stay at TC

Experience Farm Work

Social Work Interflow Luncheon

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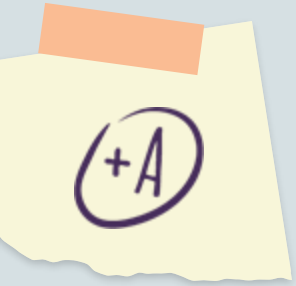
Learnings / Reflections

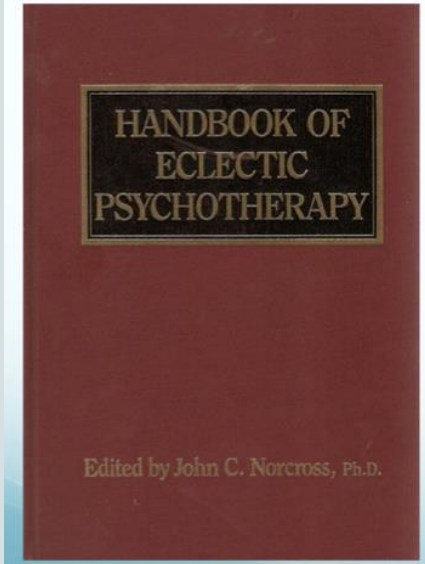


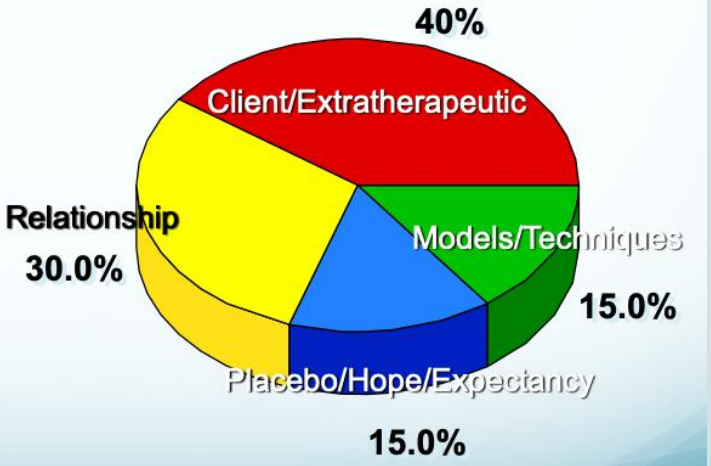
Reflections on Drug/Addiction Issues

Reflections on Being the "Sexual Minority"

Reflections on Casework

Michael Lambert
The Common Factors





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Reflections on Social Work

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Differences of placement in Taiwan and Hong Kong

Langauge

- Cantonese VS Mandarin & Taiwanese
- Different Terminology & Phrases
- Information Reception & Dissemination (~70%)

Placement Mode

- Learning & Reflection-centred
- Identity : Student > Worker
- Closer Proximity to Clients
- Blurred Professional Role during Interventions

Policy & Culture

- Acquainting with a New Social Environment
- Policy and Legal Differences
- Challenges in Accessing Resources
- Personal Life Adaptation

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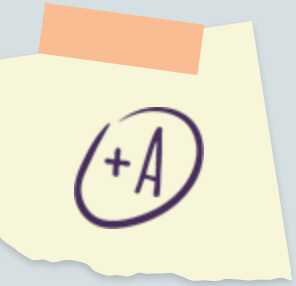
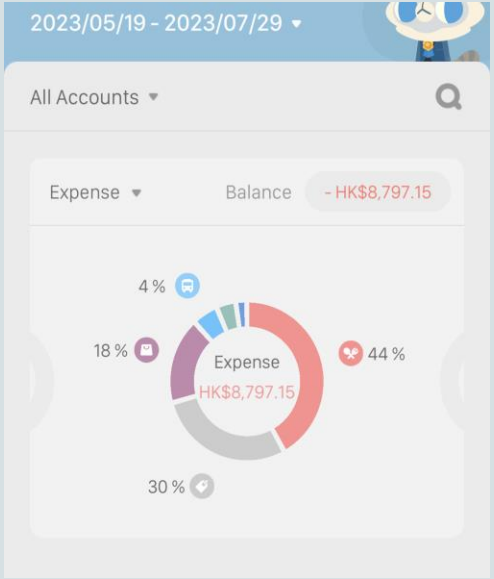
Expenses



Items	Expenses (HKD)
Air Ticket (Two-way)	$2907
Accommodation (80 Days)	$12000 - 140000 😐
Living Expenses	~ $8000 - $10000
Visa Application	~$250 (TWD $1000)
Insurance (1-yr)	~$900
Total	**~ $26000**



😐 Recommended to use local renting website (e.g. 591) rather than Airbnb

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Living in Taichung

- Spacious
- 10-15min walking distance to office
- Friendly host

- Safety
- Transportation
- Community Facilities

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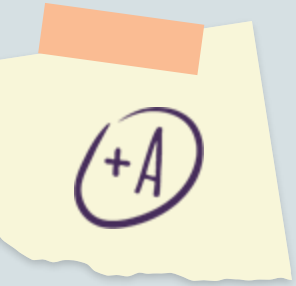
Self-Care / Work-Life Balance



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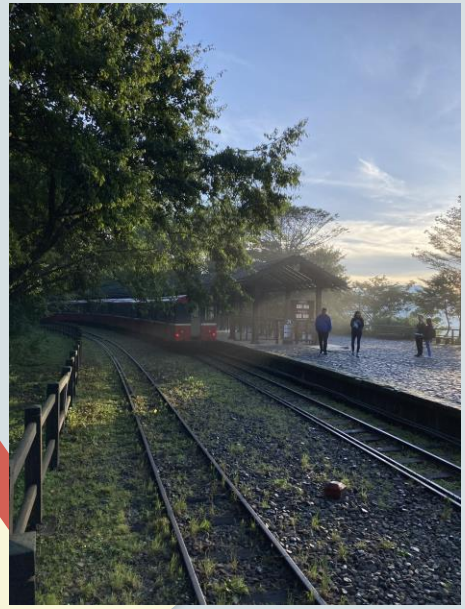

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Pros & Cons of Offshore Placement

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Pros

- Shorter time frame
- Eye-widening exposure
- 120% concentration (Put aside work, focus on placement)
- Personal growth and introspection

Cons

- Financial stress
- Schedule too packed
- Difficult for casework (limited time, hard for building rapport)

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