

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS2682																	
Subject Title	Generic Social Work Practice with Groups, Organizations and Communities																	
Credit Value	3																	
Level	2																	
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil																	
Minimum Pass Grade	D																	
Assessment Methods	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">70% Coursework</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Individual Assessment</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Group Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. Presentation of reading and project work</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">30%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Participation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10 %</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Term Paper</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30 %</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>30% Examination</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30%</td> <td></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 item 1 & 3 in coursework and also examination (at least half of the percentage assigned) if he/she is to pass the subject. 			70% Coursework	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Presentation of reading and project work		30%	2. Participation	10 %		3. Term Paper	30 %		30% Examination	30%	
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Objectives	<p>The aim of subject is to enable student to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use the construct “Person-in-situated-context” in assessing problems and issues confronting service users who come forth as a group, community or organization. • identify the part played by different social structures, from the political economy, social institutions, ideologies, beliefs and normative practices, to historical development and culture in constituting the identity and consciousness of service users as well as themselves as social workers. • formulate an explanation of their predisposition in taking certain orientations to understand issues and problems confronting a group, an organization or a community. • apply the general process model in helping them to design an intervention plan aiming at helping a group, an organization and a community. 																	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analyse and identify multi-levels of engagement and entry points and furthermore, justify with theoretical backups why a particular level is most appropriate. • identify and describe the principles of relational modalities in working with a group, an organization and a community confronting difficulties and being trapped in social problems. • explain and formulate the different tasks and roles that they themselves as social workers are going to play in applying the general process model in working with a group or community in an organizational context.
<p>Intended Learning Outcomes</p> <p><i>(Note 1)</i></p>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) use the construct “Person-in-situated-context” in assessing problems and issues confronting a group and community in an organizational context. (b) identify the part played by different social structures, from the political economy, social institutions, ideologies, beliefs and normative practices, to historical development and culture in constituting the identity and consciousness of service users and vice versa. (c) formulate an explanation of his/her predisposition in taking a certain orientation to understand issues and problems confronting services users using the construct of “Person-in-situated-context”. (d) apply the general process model in helping them to design an intervention aiming at helping a group and community in an organizational context. (e) analyse and identify multi-levels of engagement and entry points and furthermore, justify with theoretical backups why a particular level or entry point is most appropriate. (f) identify and describe the principles of different relational modalities in working with service users in forms of group and community confronting difficulties and social problems. (g) explain and formulate the different tasks and roles that they themselves as social workers are going to play in applying the general process model in working through different relational modalities with a group, an organization or a community.

**Subject Synopsis/
Indicative Syllabus**

(Note 2)

Social work is a professional practice with strong articulation of its *moral and political* dimensions. Its practice relies on intervention through managing different *relational modalities* (relations with individual, family, group, community, organization) and across different social layers which include the *political-economical* i.e. social systems, ideologies and discourses; *institutional* i.e. organizational, social arrangement and policies; the *everyday life world* i.e. social relations, social practices plus the identity and consciousness of social actors.

This subject focuses on the last three relational modalities in which social work intervention occurs. It will firstly provide a brief review of the parametric framework and the configuration of 'person-in-situated-context' as a primal reference frame in conceptualizing issues and problems. The use of the general process model in working with service users in groups, communities and organizations across different social layers provides the major intervention framework. Specific knowledge, purposes and skills in working groups, organizations and communities will be included. Details of content are as follows:

1. Introduction: An overview on the '*person-in-situated-context*' perspective, the different relational modalities (relations with individuals and families, groups, communities and organizations) and the *parametric framework* as a reference frame to focus the practice in solving social problems and satisfying a person's basic needs.
2. Features of the *general process model*:
 - 2.1 Criteria and rationales for choosing to work with a particular focus
 - 2.2 Understanding the characteristics of the system at work
 - 2.3 Basic value premises and core concepts
 - 2.4 The generic helping process
 - 2.4.1 Engagement
 - 2.4.2 Assessment
 - 2.4.3 Planning and contracting
 - 2.4.4 Intervention
 - 2.4.5 Evaluation and termination
 - 2.5 Roles and tasks of social worker
 - 2.6 Special issues and concerns
3. Concepts and theories in relations to understanding and assessment of groups and organizations. Nature of groups, group building, group problem solving, establishing group structures and monitoring processes, utilization of group dynamics, facilitating stages of group development, and different conceptual models of social work with group to achieve goal goals.
4. Understanding and assessment of communities, its nature and profiles. History and traditions of community work within social work practice. The three working models -- social planning, social action and community development. Citizen participation and mobilization, networking, community-based practice and community care.
5. Understanding and working with agencies and organization in context, theoretical models and conceptual tools.

<p>Teaching/Learning Methodology</p> <p>(Note 3)</p>	<p><i>Lectures</i> are given to cover the theoretical and conceptual parts of the subject. In order to integrate theory and practice, a problem-based learning approach is adopted to address the learning needs of students. Based upon the problem areas familiarized either in the subject 'Community Field Study' or provided by teachers, social work students will be grouped into small teams and use these problems as the context for <i>seminar discussion, laboratory work</i> and <i>small group learning</i>. This <i>problem-based learning process</i> conducted through small project teams will serve as the main conduit through which the integration of theory, practice and intervention modalities will occur.</p>																																																																					
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	Total student study effort	119 Hrs.
Medium of Instruction	Chinese	
Medium of Assessment	English	
Reading List and References	<p>Essential</p> <p>Johnson, Louise C., S. Yanca., Tephon J. (2009) <i>Social Work Practice: A Generalist Approach</i>. Massachusetts, Allyn & Bacon.</p> <p>Hepworth, D.H., et al. (2013) <i>Direct social work practice : theory and skills</i>. Belmont, Calif. : Thomson Brooks/Cole.</p> <p>Ho, K. W. & Tse, M. H. (1995) <i>Working with Groups</i>. An Open Learning Packages. Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University.</p> <p>Lam, H. S. & Wong, Y. C. (1996) <i>Working with Communities</i>. An Open Learning Packages. Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University.</p> <p>Supplementary</p> <p><u>Working with Groups</u></p> <p>Anderson, J. (1997). <i>Social work with groups: A process mode</i>. New York: Longman.</p> <p>Corey, M.S., Corey, G., & Corey, C. (2014). <i>Groups: Process and practice</i> (9th ed.). Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole.</p> <p>Johnson, D. W., & Johnson, F. P. (2013). <i>Joining together: Group theory and group skills</i> (11th ed.). Pearson Education, Inc.</p> <p>Keyton, J. (2006). <i>Communicating in groups: Building relationships for group effectiveness</i> (3rd ed.). New York: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Singh, A. A., & Salazar, C. F. (2010). The roots of social justice in group work. <i>The Journal for Specialists in Group Work</i>.35:2, 97-104.</p> <p>Toseland, R. W., & Rivas, R. F. (2012). <i>An introduction to group work practice</i> (7th ed.). Boston: Pearson Allyn and Bacon.</p> <p>吳夢珍 (編) (1992)。 <i>小組工作</i>。香港：香港社會工作人員協會出版。</p> <p>何潔雲 (編) (2001)。 <i>小組工作程序計劃簿</i>。香港：香港理工大學應用社會科學系。</p> <p>何潔雲、謝萬恒 (2002)。 <i>社會工作實踐：小組工作</i>。香港：香港理工大學應用社會科學系。</p> <p>何潔雲 (編) (2004)。 <i>社會工作：小組理論與實踐</i>。香港：香港理工大學應用社會工作系及香港基督教女青年會。</p> <p>林孟平 (1993)。 <i>小組輔導與心理治療</i> (第四版)。香港：商務印書館。</p> <p>林萬億 (2007)。 <i>團體工作：理論與技術</i> (第二版)。五南圖書出版公司。</p>	

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Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes

Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon completion of the subject. Subject outcomes are expected to contribute to the attainment of the overall programme outcomes.

Note 2: Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

The syllabus should adequately address the intended learning outcomes. At the same time over-crowding of the syllabus should be avoided.

Note 3: Teaching/Learning Methodology

This section should include a brief description of the teaching and learning methods to be employed to facilitate learning, and a justification of how the methods are aligned with the intended learning outcomes of the subject.

Note 4: Assessment Method

This section should include the assessment method(s) to be used and its relative weighting, and indicate which of the subject intended learning outcomes that each method purports to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.