

## Subject Description Form

<b>Subject Code</b>	APSS2S09																			
<b>Subject Title</b>	Service Leadership through Serving Children and Families with Special Needs																			
<b>Credit Value</b>	3																			
<b>Level</b>	2																			
<b>GUR Requirements Intended to Fulfill</b>	<p>This subject intends to fulfill the following requirement(s):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Healthy Lifestyle</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Freshman Seminar</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Languages and Communication Requirement (LCR)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Leadership and Intra-Personal Development</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Service-Learning</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cluster-Area Requirement (CAR)</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Human Nature, Relations and Development</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Community, Organization and Globalization</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> History, Cultures and World Views</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology and Environment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>China-Study Requirement</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Writing and Reading Requirements</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> English or <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese</p>																			
<b>Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion</b>	NIL																			
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <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. Group presentation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Group proposal for service</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Ongoing reflective journals</td> <td style="text-align: center;">30%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Performance in service project</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Class participation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">--</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned;</li> <li>The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject.</li> </ul>		100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment	1. Group presentation	--	20%	2. Group proposal for service	--	20%	3. Ongoing reflective journals	30%	--	4. Performance in service project	20%	--	5. Class participation	10%	--
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<b>Objectives</b>	<p>This subject is designed to enable students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Understand the core attributes of service leaders</li> <li>2. Apply the core components of service leadership through the engagement of community-based service activities</li> </ol>																			

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Develop self-awareness of sharing and empathy to others and the community</li> <li>4. Reflect on their service leadership qualities, particularly intrapersonal and interpersonal competencies</li> </ol>
<b>Intended Learning Outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Address the needs of the service recipients through service delivery</li> <li>2. Link their service experiences with academic course materials</li> <li>3. Appreciate and respect people from diverse background</li> <li>4. Integrate academic learning (e.g., knowledge on service leadership) into the service experience and activities</li> <li>5. Demonstrate empathy and care by providing community service</li> <li>6. Apply the skills (e.g., active listening) and knowledge (e.g., moral character and competencies) they have acquired in university education to deal with complex issues in the service setting</li> <li>7. Reflect on their service leadership qualities through service learning</li> <li>8. Work effectively with different parties (e.g., students, teachers, family and community partners) when preparing and delivering service</li> </ol>
<b>Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus</b>	<p>The topics in the course syllabus cover the three areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concept of service learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles, concepts and myths of service learning</li> <li>• Benefits of service learning to students, the university and the community</li> <li>• Ethnical issues in service learning</li> <li>• Proper attitudes and behaviors in service delivery</li> <li>• Reflection as a tool for learning</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Discipline-specific concepts, issues and skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature and rationales of service leadership</li> <li>• Core beliefs about service leadership</li> <li>• Major components of service leadership (i.e., leadership competencies, moral character and care, the SLAM model)</li> <li>• Three realms of leadership (i.e., self-leadership, team-leadership and service habitats)</li> <li>• Importance of service leadership in Hong Kong</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Project-specific concepts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding children with special needs</li> <li>• Application of knowledge obtained in Leadership and Intrapersonal Development subjects (i.e., leadership competencies and interpersonal skills) through service delivery</li> <li>• Development of service leadership through serving children with special needs and their families</li> <li>• Collaborative learning and problem-solving in service delivery</li> <li>• Health, safety and other issues related to service activities</li> <li>• Moral and ethical concerns in serving children with special needs</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<b>Teaching/Learning Methodology</b>	<p>This is a 2-semester subject to be conducted in Summer Term and Semester One in Hong Kong.</p> <p>Through the course, students are expected to develop their skills and knowledge in the intrapersonal and interpersonal competencies. Intellectual thinking,</p>

reflective learning, experiential learning, and collaborative learning are emphasized in the course. The teaching/learning methodology includes:

1. E-learning module

- Students are required to attend the 10-hours e-learning module, which is developed by the Office of Service Learning at PolyU, at the beginning of the subject.

2. Lecture, seminar and workshop

- Discipline-specific knowledge and skills, such as concepts and nature of service leadership, the Service Leadership and Management Model (SLAM Model), and positive youth development model, will be delivered through lectures.
- Students are asked to complete several assessment tools to raise their awareness of leadership competencies, moral character and caring disposition.
- Project-specific knowledge and skills, such as methods to communicate with service recipients, ways to create a positive and safe learning environment, generic skills in planning and designing service-learning projects, will be delivered through seminars.
- Workshops will be organized by agencies and professionals to guide students for designing service-learning projects.

3. Service learning project

- Students will be divided into small groups with each group comprising students from different faculties, thus, pulling together expertise from multi-disciplines, enabling the provision of all-rounded service to children, adolescents and their families in need.
- Through collaborative learning, students will be assigned with different roles (e.g., group leader, group coordinator, etc.). They will be asked to rotate roles within the group in order to work together as a team to solve a problem, complete a task and achieve a common goal.
- Collaborative skills and leadership competencies (e.g., caring, group accountability) will be assessed through peer assessment and ongoing reflective journals.
- Teachers will be present in order to provide a safe and orderly learning environment throughout the service delivery process.

4. Ongoing reflective journals

- Students will be asked to reflect and analyze their service learning experience (e.g., examine the meaning and impact of their services personally and academically, evaluate the effectiveness of cooperative learning activities, review their strengths and weaknesses based on the results of the self-assessment tools, leadership qualities demonstrated in teamwork and service provision, the relationship between their experience and learning objectives and concepts covered in class, their role in the society) by writing reflective journals.

	<b>Community partner:</b>	Christian Zheng Sheng College <a href="http://www.zhengsheng.org.hk/zhengsheng/">http://www.zhengsheng.org.hk/zhengsheng/</a>
	<b>Service nature:</b>	Providing care and service for children and adolescents with substance abuse and/or delinquent behavior.
	<b>Time period:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The total 40 hours of service per student.</li> <li>- families. This totals to 40 hours of service per student.</li> <li>- Service will be conducted in groups (4-5 students per group).</li> <li>- Students may be expected to serve on weekends or weeknights depending on the needs of the targeted service recipients.</li> </ul>
	<b>Suggested community service</b>	<p>Depending on the arrangements and needs of the targets of the proposed community partner, different types of services may be provided by the students enrolled in the subject.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can arrange workshops and seminars to provide parents with more background knowledge about the disorders their children are suffering from, drawing attention to the needs of their children, and to introduce skills to cope with the daily demands from both practical and professional perspectives (e.g., health education, home safety education).</li> <li>• Students may focus on providing service aimed at strengthening the bond within the family of those with special needs, as well as providing them with necessary skills for better community integration.</li> <li>• Students will be expected to work closely with the NGO staff and PolyU teachers to develop and implement activities catering for the needs of the families as a whole.</li> </ul> <p>Children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems often face challenges in coping with problems arising from families, studies and social interactions. Students enrolled in the present subject will be given the opportunity to develop and implement programs aimed to help this target population better manage their emotions, strengthen their self-esteem, nurture positive and healthy identities, improve their interpersonal skills, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students can develop and organize programs and activities targeted at improving practical skills of children and adolescents who are suffering from emotional and behavioral problems to facilitate their social functioning and interaction.</li> <li>• Students can also develop and implement workshops and activities that can help participants better understand themselves, gain confidence, and find their strengths and potentials.</li> <li>• Having learnt the attributes of service leaders, students can then act as mentors by providing psychological support and organizing tutorial classes to the children and adolescents.</li> <li>• Students can also arrange day camps or summer camps during which they can creatively devise different activities targeted at building and nurturing the emotional, psychological, and interpersonal skills of the children and adolescents indeed.</li> </ul>

**Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes**

Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Group presentation	20%		✓	✓				✓	✓
2. Group proposal for service	20%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
3. Ongoing reflective journals	30%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4. Performance in service project	20%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5. Class participation	10%		✓	✓					✓
Total	100%								

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

1. Assessment of Group Presentation: Students will summarize and evaluate their service experience through group presentation. Students will be assessed by their ability to a) collaborate with others, b) examine their service performance, and c) demonstrate analytic and communication skills.
2. Assessment of Service Proposal: Service proposal can give an indication of the students' understanding and integration of academic learning to meet the service targets' needs. Students will be assessed by a) identifying the service targets' characteristics and needs and b) establishing connections between service learning and concepts taught in the classrooms.
3. Assessment of Ongoing Reflective Journals: Students will critically reflect on their service experience based on three consecutive reflective journals (i.e., beginning, middle, and end of the subject). Students will be assessed by their ability to a) reflect their role and impact on the community, b) evaluate their performance in terms of addressing the service targets' needs, and c) apply the skills and knowledge learned in academic contexts (i.e., leadership and intrapersonal development, service leadership, service-learning) to the society outside of school.
4. Assessment of Service Performance: Students will be assessed by their ability to a) meet the objectives of the proposal, b) make connection between the community and academic learning, c) demonstrate active engagement through service learning, and d) collaborate with others from diverse contexts. To monitor individual performance in service delivery, peer assessment will also be used.
5. Assessment of Class Participation: Students are given opportunities to facilitate their learning by obtaining insights and sharing from their peers and teachers, particularly in the small group sessions. Students will be

	assessed by a) preparation for class (e.g., searching articles and completion of worksheets before class) and b) participation in class (e.g., actively participate in group discussion, volunteer to answer questions, and share).	
<b>Student Study Effort Expected</b>	Class contact:	
	▪ Lecture, seminar and workshop	20 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ E-learning via Blackboard	10 Hrs.
	▪ Performance in service participation	40 Hrs.
	▪ Ongoing reflective journals and reading	30 Hrs.
	▪ Service planning, preparation and review (i.e., proposal for service and group presentation)	35 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	135 Hrs.
<b>Medium of Instruction</b>	English	
<b>Medium of Assessment</b>	English	
<b>Reading List and References</b>	<p><b>Core Readings</b></p> <p>Chung, P. (2012). <i>Service Reborn</i>. New York: Lexingford Publishing.</p> <p>Catalano, R. F., Berglund, M. L., Ryan, J. A. M., Lonczak, H. S., &amp; Hawkins, J. D. (2002). Positive youth development in the United States: Research findings on evaluation of positive youth development programs. <i>Prevention and Treatment, 5</i>(Article 15), 1-111.</p> <p>Mayhew, J., &amp; Welch, M. (2001). A call to service: Service learning as a pedagogy in special education programs. <i>Teacher Education and Special Education, 24</i>(3), 208-219.</p> <p>Park, N., Peterson, C., &amp; Seligman, M. E. P. (2004). Strengths of character and well-being. <i>Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology, 23</i>, 60-3-919.</p> <p>Shek, D. T. L., &amp; Chan, S. C. F. (2013). Service-learning from the views of university teachers: A qualitative study based on focus groups. <i>International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health, 25</i>(4), 385-393.</p> <p>Shek, D. T. L., Yu, L., &amp; Fu, X. (2013). Confucian virtues and Chinese adolescent development: A conceptual review. <i>International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health, 25</i>(4), 335-344.</p> <p>Shek, D. T. L., Yu, L., Ma, C. M. S., Sun, R. C. F., &amp; Liu, T. T. (2013). Development of a credit-bearing service leadership subject for university students in Hong Kong. <i>International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health, 25</i>(4), 353-361. doi: 10.1515/ijamh-2013-0033</p>	

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### **Supplementary Readings**

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