

WELF 2007 GROUP WORK IN SOCIAL WORK

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 400509

Coordinator Ben Joseph ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ben Joseph/](https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ben%20Joseph/))

Description This subject will provide students with the opportunity to develop knowledge of group work theory, group dynamics and facilitation skills in group work practice in the human services. In addition, students will be learning about working in teams in human service agencies, and effectively collaborate with their colleagues in group settings. Students will integrate theory with practice in an experiential group setting in the classroom. Students will also be examining issues related to culturally responsive group work practice with marginalised people, and addressing group work issues of diversity in gender and culture.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Social Work

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Pre-requisite(s) WELF 1003

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in program 1666 Bachelor of Social Work, 1665 Bachelor of Community Welfare or 1713 Bachelor of Criminal and Community Justice / Bachelor of Social Work.

Assumed Knowledge

Basic understanding of groups and group dynamics.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Analyse a range of theories of groups, group dynamics and group processes;
2. Critically reflect on their use of self as group participants and facilitator;
3. Outline the significance of professional and agency contexts of group work practice;
4. Apply an understanding of, and respect for, ethical and culturally responsive practice in group work;
5. Utilise group work knowledge and skills to facilitate group work exercises.

Subject Content

- Group dynamics and processes including group stages, communication in groups, group roles, different theories of leadership in groups, different models of group decision making, power and conflict, approaches to diversity
- Facilitating effective group work processes
- Ethics in group work
- Responding appropriately to gender and cultural diversity

- The context of professional social work with groups
- Evaluation and closing of groups

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Reflection	1,500 words	30	N	Individual	N
Practical	60 minutes duration	30	N	Group	Y
Self-Assessment	1,000 words	20	N	Individual	Y
Multiple Choice	1,800 words	20	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- N/A

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Liverpool

On-site

Subject Contact Ben Joseph ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ben Joseph/](https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ben%20Joseph/))

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=WELF2007_25-SPR_LP_1#subjects)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

Subject Contact Ben Joseph ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ben Joseph/](https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Ben%20Joseph/))

View timetable (https://classregistration.westernsydney.edu.au/odd/timetable/?subject_code=WELF2007_25-SPR_PS_1#subjects)