

WELF 7023 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE METHODS 1

Credit Points 10

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Description Social Work Practice Methods1 introduces students to a range of skills, knowledge and professional values for work with individuals and families in diverse practice settings. Students are supported to develop core verbal and written communication skills including engagement, assessment, designing and implementing interventions, evaluation, report writing and record keeping practices. There is an emphasis on safe, inclusive and responsive practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Social Work

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 1792 Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Compare and contrast social work practice theories, approaches and models with individuals and families.
2. Utilise communication and interviewing skills for engaging with individuals and families in social work practice.
3. Integrate social work theories, models and methods to facilitate casework practice.
4. Critically reflect on personal values, skills and use of self in a way that allows professional values to guide own professional practice to enhance professional development.
5. Evaluate the application of individual and family work to diverse fields of practice including mental health and child wellbeing.
6. Demonstrate an awareness of safe, inclusive and responsive practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally and diverse backgrounds.

Subject Content

1. Knowledge, skills and professional values for Social Work practice.
2. Core verbal and written communication skills for work with individuals and families (e.g. engagement, assessment, designing and implementing interventions, evaluation, report writing and record keeping).
3. Advocacy, self-determination, empowerment and social justice.
4. Individual and family work in diverse fields of practice including mental health and child wellbeing.
5. Safe, inclusive and responsive practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally and diverse backgrounds.

6. Working with voluntary and involuntary individuals and families in diverse practice settings.
7. Critically reflexive practice.

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	3 x 300 word entries (900 words)	30	N	Individual	Y
Interview	12 minute video	20	N	Individual	Y
Reflection	300 words	10	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,200 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Maidment, J & Egan, R, 2009, Practice skills in social work & welfare: more than just common sense, 2nd edn, Allen & Unwin, Crows Nest.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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