

**SOWK 2150 Field Practice I (10,0,16)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1230 Skills for Social Work Practice, SOWK 1250 Social Work Intervention and Processes, and cumulative GPA of 2.00 or above by the end of the 1st Semester of his/her Year II study

The basic objectives of field practice are to help students to integrate academic and professional knowledge with practice skills, to acquire the value and identity of the professionals, and to prepare for employment as professional practitioners upon graduation.

Through field placement, students are expected to develop self-awareness and the ability to integrate knowledge with practice and to sharpen their diagnostic and interventive skills for application to a broad range of social work roles in working with individuals, families, groups, and communities.

(Students must pass this Field Practice with grades not lower than "C-" in order to graduate from the programme. If a student achieved a "D" grade, he/she must retake the course and pass with at least "C-".)

**SOWK 2160 Social Work Research (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: I.T. 1180 Information Management Technology, SOWK 1120 Social Work in Contemporary Society and SOWK 1250 Social Work Intervention and Processes

This course aims to prepare students to (1) understand the basic principles, process and methods of research study in social work; (2) develop the ability to evaluate local social work research initiatives; and (3) plan and develop research topics. The course places a dual emphasis on both theories and skills in conducting inquiry and social work reflections.

**SOWK 2170 Human Behaviour and Diversity (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1220 Human Development or consent of the Department

This course aims to (1) provide students with a multi-dimensional framework for assessing human behaviour and functioning; (2) help students to understand and appreciate similarities and diversities relating to human behaviour; (3) help students to understand the theoretical, conceptual and empirical foundations of human behaviour from a diversity perspective; (4) help students to understand the dynamics of oppression, discrimination and privilege; and (5) provide students with an introduction to the realities of practice with diverse population in the local context.

**SOWK 2180 Love and Human Sexuality (3,3,0)**

Issues of love and human sexuality are among the most sensitive topics in our society today. This course provides students with an understanding of sexual aspects of human functioning in order to become healthy sexual persons. It critically examines the theoretical conceptions and mythology in relation human sexuality, in the local social, cultural and moral contexts of sex and love. The variations in sexual functions, intimate relationships, sexual and gender role development and behaviour will also be explored.

**SOWK 2211-2 Theory and Practice in Social Work (Individual) (2,2,1)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1250 Social Work Intervention and Processes

Students will examine and evaluate the major theoretical perspectives and practice approaches of social case work. Problems and issues in the application of case work will be analysed. Students will participate in a variety of simulated situations and exercises to develop their skills.

**SOWK 2221-2 Theory and Practice in Social Work (Group) (2,2,1)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1250 Social Work Intervention and Processes

Students will examine and evaluate the major theoretical perspectives and practice approaches of social group work.

Problems and issues in the application of group work will be analysed. Students will participate in a variety of simulate situations and exercises to develop their skills.

**SOWK 2231-2 Theory and Practice in Social Work (Community Development) (2,2,1)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1250 Social Work Intervention and Processes

Students will examine and evaluate the major theoretical perspectives and practice approaches of community development. Problems and Issues in the application of community development will be analysed. Students will participate in a variety of simulate situations and exercises to develop their skills.

**SOWK 2250 Social Policy (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1120 Social Work in Contemporary Society and SOC 1110 Invitation to Sociology, or consent of the Department

This course aims at providing students with a theoretical as well as an analytical framework in understanding social policy in Hong Kong as well as in the Western world. Students will first examine the theoretical underpinnings of social policy, followed by a critical examination of the dimensions and issues of social policy which affect the distribution of resources in the society. Case examples of social policy in Hong Kong will be used as illustrations throughout the course.

**SOWK 3231-2 Field Practice II (10,0,16)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 2150 Field Practice I and the two Therapy and Practice in Social Work courses that the student has taken in Year II by the end of his/her Year II study

This is the second supervised field practice in the programme of study. It usually requires two days per week and takes place during the third year of the programme.

(Students must pass this Field Practice with grades not lower than "C-" in order to graduate from the programme. If a student achieved a "D" grade, he/she must retake the course and pass with at least "C-".)

**SOWK 3240 Social Welfare in Chinese Societies (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1120 Social Work in Contemporary Society or consent of the Department

The objectives of this course are to help students to gain an overview of the social development of contemporary Chinese societies, to develop an understanding of the institutional structure of modern China, to explore the current welfare issues and challenges, and to examine the actual welfare operation and training of welfare workers.

**SOWK 3320 Administration in Human Service Organizations (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 2250 Social Policy or consent of the Department

The focus is on studying selective organizational theories with the aim of fostering a general understanding of human service organizations. Another objective is to help students to comprehend the process, function and skills of management in these agencies. Case studies are used to illustrate the application of administration in social welfare agencies especially in the Hong Kong context.

**SOWK 3520 Social Work with Families (3,3,0)**

Prerequisite: SOWK 1250 Social Work Intervention and Processes or consent of the Department

This course builds on the foundation of theoretical knowledge and practical skills for working with families as provided in earlier theory and skill courses. The students will examine the development stages of families and problems they may encounter. The role of social workers in family services will be examined and family policies and services will be analysed with particular reference to the local context.