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Course Code SOWK 350	Course Title Junior Practicum I in Social Work	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Work	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites Social Work Methods & Practices I/Micro Systems Social Work Methods & Practices I/Mezzo Systems Social Work Methods & Practices I/Macro Systems Social Work Methods & Practices II/Micro Systems Social Work Methods & Practices II/Mezzo Systems Social Work Methods & Practices II/Macro System
Type of Course Required	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction
Level of Course 1st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd	Lecturer(s) Despina Cochliou
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Assess and understand the impact of psychosocial, political, cultural, racial and economic systems on the lives of people.
- Assess and apply theory into practice.
- Demonstrate the ability to engage in a process of self-reflection.
- Develop knowledge of various strategies of social work intervention with community and institutional systems, small groups, families and individuals and the theoretical bases of these strategies.
- Develop an understanding of policy and practice implications social services and the lives of clients.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- . Explore key theoretical concepts, which inform social work practice.
- . Demonstrate understanding of and ability to apply basic verbal and non-verbal skills of engagement.
- . Produce a clear, concise and accurately presented written report.
- . Analyse the impact of values, beliefs and attitudes on self, service user and service delivery.
- . Explore the potential for conflict between personal and professional value base.
- . Develop a basic understanding of inequalities and diversity.

Course Content
Introduction to the Agency
Agency History Organisational Structure & Culture Comply with Agency Regulations Comply with the Department's Handbook for Placements Code of Social Work Practice
Developing skills I
Communication with colleagues Communications with external agencies Understanding of and ability to apply basic verbal and non-verbal skills of engagement Produce a clear, concise and accurately presented written report
Developing Skills II
Building a professional relationship with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clients - Colleagues - Supervisors Interviewing clients
Supervision
Preparation for monitoring Questions, queries, reflections on advisable handling of cases Expression, annotation of sentimental reactions and behaviours Recognition of dynamic retroaction Searches - reflections of self-knowledge
Developing Knowledge
Self-knowledge Social Work Practice Knowledge Understanding of key theoretical concepts which inform social work practice

<p>Reflect on Code of Ethics Practice Code of Ethics into everyday work</p>
<p>Social Problems Evaluation I</p>
<p>Recognition of social problem Discrimination between demand and problem Analysis of social needs that result from the presented social problem</p>
<p>Social Problems Evaluation II</p>
<p>Hierarchy of needs Conscience of complexity of social problems Search of covered aspects - secondary repercussions</p>
<p>In-take Interview</p>
<p>Preparation for meeting with service user (individual, family, group) in the agency, in the house Preparing one's self to ask questions Open & Closed questioning</p>

Developing Intervention Plans I

Knowledge of sources of information

Use of community resources

Clarification - specialisation of objectives - determination of priorities

Developing Intervention Plans II

Reflection and search of alternative solutions Discrimination the usual by the problems appear for the first time

Developing an intervention plan for different kind of problems

Assessment

Core Assessment according to client groups: - Case Assessment

- Group Assessment

- Community Assessment

Evaluation I

Techniques of measurement

Recording of measurable sizes

Discrimination and evaluation of qualitative elements Analysis of data

Evaluation II

Investigation of occasions, restrictions and obstacles in the existing processes of benefit of services

Critical presentation- composition-
cross-correlation of ascertainment and conclusions

Use of modern technology and systems of evaluation

Reflecting on Practice

Recognise strengths & weaknesses

Ability to collect data, analyse & assess

Link theory and practice

Skills development

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Peer and individual supervision

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publishe	Year	TSB
Razack, N.	Transforming the Field: Critical Antiracist and Anti-Oppressive Perspectives for the Human Services Practicum,	Fernwood	2002	

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Mattison, M.	Decision Making: The Person in the Process	Ethical Social Work 45, 3, p. 201-212.	May 2000	
Baird, Brian N	The internship, practicum and field placement handbook: A guide for the helping professions.	Prentice Hall	1999	