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University of Nicosia, Cyprus

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| Course Code SOWK 355 | Course Title Junior Practicum II 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 Junior Practicum I in Social Work |
| 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:

- Apply social work theories and methods to direct and inform practice.
- Use appropriate sociological/psychological material to further understanding of service user's situations.
- Relate knowledge of law and social policy to agency function.
- Demonstrate ability to undertake social work role and related agency tasks
- Use a range of social work skills appropriate to each stage of the social work process.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- Gather information from a wide range of sources, taking account of different views and being able to analyse and evaluate critically.
- Consider and evaluate specific factors relevant to practice, such as risk, rights, identity and vulnerability.
- Synthesise knowledge from contributing disciplines in order to apply it to an understanding and analysis of the situation and circumstances
- Explain the characteristics and circumstances of people who use services and their range of perceived needs, including psychological and physiological, as well as social, with theories of individual and social development, identity and functioning from infancy to old age and death.

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: practices using effective oral and written skills; uses existing technologies as appropriate; employs effective interpersonal skills including the ability to take appropriate responsibility for one's own actions and decisions and their potential impact on others; and possesses the ability to identify and acknowledge limitations.

Developing Skills II

Ability to Exercise Critical Thinking: demonstrates the ability to plan, monitor, and evaluate practice interventions and overall practice; articulates the planned change process.

Physical Skills: demonstrates sufficient motor, sensory, and speech and language skills to actively attend and participate in class and practicum sites.

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
 Linking theory to practice Reflect on
 Code of Ethics Practice Code of Ethics
 into everyday work

Social Problems Evaluation I

Recognition of social problem
 Discrimination between demand and problem
 Analysis of social needs that result from the presented social problem

Social Problems Evaluation II

Hierarchy of needs Conscience of complexity of social problems
 Search of covered aspects - secondary repercussions

In-take Interview

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

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Peer and individual supervision

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

| Authors | Title | Publishe | Year | ISBN |
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| Razack, N. | Transforming the Field: Critical Antiracist and Anti-Oppressive Perspectives for the | Fernwood | 2002 | |

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Recommended Textbooks/Readinst:

| Authors | Title | Publishe | Year | ISBN |
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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 | |