

WELF 3020 FIELD EDUCATION 1

Credit Points 20

Legacy Code 102782

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Description This subject enables students to develop beginner skills and knowledge of social work processes in the context of structured and supervised field placement experience. This subject provides the opportunity for students to combine their knowledge of social work theory and application of their skills into a practice setting. Placements will be offered in direct, indirect or mixed service work with a wide range of client groups and communities in the human services sector. Students will need to attend a total of 400 hours of placement inclusive of three integrated seminars and two peer practice group meetings in accordance with accreditation requirements of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) guidelines.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Social Work

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 20cp

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

Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) WELF 2017

Incompatible Subjects WELF 2005 - Field Education 1 WELF 3004 - Community Welfare Field Education

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in programs 1665 Bachelor of Community Welfare, 1666 Bachelor of Social Work or 1713 Bachelor of Criminal and Community Justice/Bachelor of Social Work and must have successfully completed 120 credit points.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Acquire knowledge on social work practice and service delivery in a professional practice setting.
2. Develop and demonstrate professional and ethical behaviour as defined by the AASW Code of Ethics appropriate to the practice setting.
3. Apply knowledge and skills developed in their social work studies and in the placement setting to demonstrate AASW Practice Standards at a beginning level of capability and competency.

Subject Content

1. 388 hours of supervised placement in a practice or project setting.
2. Practice skills: individual work, group work, community work, research, policy and service development, advocacy and project-based work.
3. Professional communication skills, both written and verbal, critical thinking and analysis, networking and referral skills.
4. The nature of supervision, peer support, assessment and self and collective care on placement.

5. Ethical practice in human services work; consideration of the values and ideology in practice frameworks.
6. Working within organisations to create social work outcomes
7. Work Health and Safety issues in the workplace.
8. Methods of critical reflection on practice considering personal agency ideology and values.
9. Debriefing from the placement experience; integrating theory with practice and future learning.

Special Requirements

Legislative pre-requisites

Prior to enrolling in this subject, students must have submitted a Student Undertaking Form and undertake to apply for a National Police Check, which is required to be submitted before placement, and a Working with Children Check Student Declaration. Refer to the Special Requirements website for more information.

Special Requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/special_requirements/)

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
Learning Contract	2,000 words	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Placement Performance	1 hour	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Professional Placement Performance	850-380 hrs of placement completion	S/U	Y	Individual	Y
Log/Workbook	Completed and signed timesheets/ log of hours due one week after placement completion	S/U	Y	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

Cleak, H. and Wilson, J. (2022), Making the Most of Field Placement, 5th edn. Cengage.

Teaching Periods

1st Half (2025)

Liverpool

On-site

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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