

WELF 4005 FIELD EDUCATION

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Credit Points 30

Legacy Code 400522

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Description This subject incorporates the final social work placement and will consolidate the experiences gained from Field Education 1 and 2, and further assist students to clearly articulate their frame of reference within a critically reflective practice before entering employment. Students will be able to choose placements in direct service work, the community and organisational context of social work practice as well as community development and research. A variety of social work and related agencies in and around Sydney will be utilised. The Field Education Coordinator will be responsible for the selection and arrangement of placements according to AASW guidelines.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Social Work

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 30cp

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

Level Undergraduate Level 4 subject

Pre-requisite(s) WELF 3020 OR WELF 2005

Restrictions Students must be enrolled in 1666 Bachelor of Social Work, 1713 Bachelor of Criminal and Community Justice/Bachelor of Social Work

Assumed Knowledge

Advanced understanding of practice theories and range of social work methods including casework, group work, community work, research and policy.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Utilise advanced skills in a specialised area of social work;
2. Be autonomous and independent in practice;
3. Articulate the values, interests and ideologies that underpin practice in the agency, and evaluate their implications social work for practice;
4. Constructively contribute to the work of the organisation and contribute ideas for change or improvement;
5. Critically reflect on their own practice, and evaluate their readiness for entering the social work workforce.

Subject Content

Writing a job application and resume
Examining practice competence ?the ?theory and practice divide?
Exploring skills in dealing with difficult situations
Effective use of supervision
Overview of knowledge and skills for social work practice
Social justice as a framework for practice
Social work and political practice
Working in uncertainty ? the first year of 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
Professional Placement Performance	1 500 words	S/U	Y	Individual
Report	1 000 words	S/U	Y	Individual
Professional Task	600 words	S/U	Y	Group

Prescribed Texts

- Bassot, B. (2016). The reflective journal, 2nd edn, Palgrave, UK.

Teaching Periods

2nd Half (2023)

Liverpool

On-site

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