

SWK293 Social Work Practice and Skills Lab III: Working with Organisations and Communities

Level: 2

Credit Units: 10 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

Building on the foundation of Social Work Practice and Skills Lab I and II, this course links the three levels of practice: micro, mezzo, and macro. Once again, self-awareness, ethics, and cultural competence will continue to be emphasised.

Topics:

- Introduction to generalist practice with organizations and communities
- Using micro skills in the macro environment
- Using group skills for organizational and community change
- Understanding organizations
- Decision making for organizational change
- Changing agency policy
- Project implementation and programme development
- Developing and managing agency resources
- Understanding neighbourhoods and communities
- Macro practice in communities
- Advocacy and social action: social policy analysis
- Evaluating macro practice
- Legal and ethical issues in macro practice

Textbooks:

Kirst-Ashman, K.K. & Hull, Jr.,G.H.: Generalist practice with organizations and communities. 7/e
<eBook> 7 Cengage
ISBN-13: 9789814844741

Learning Outcome:

- Appraise dominant community theories and major models of community practice in social work
- Explain community dynamics.
- Discuss organisational dynamics.
- Describe the inter-relationship of micro, mezzo, and macro practice
- Analyze social policy and identify different types of advocacy and approaches for ameliorating adverse environmental conditions.
- Demonstrate skills in proposal writing, oral presentation, and budgeting.
- Apply teamwork skills.
- Analyze commonly encountered ethical issues in macro practice and solve them.
- Discuss sensitivity to racial, ethnic, class, gender, religious, linguistic, and cultural diversity in working with organisations and communities
- Outline the role of the social worker in social change through community work
- Examine community work principles to human rights and social justice
- Plan a community organizing programme from needs analysis to programme evaluation

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	25
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Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Written Exam	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**