

SWK354e Families and their Issues

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

This course builds upon the insights and skills gained in SWK351 SWK352e Children and their Issues and situates children in the context of their families. It examines demographic and socio-cultural changes that have led to contemporary challenges facing families.

Through a careful study of different types of families, the course will enable students to apply their knowledge in SWK291 Social Work Practice and Skills Lab I: Working with Individuals and Families and SWK351 SWK352e to situate children within the context of family issues with a view to achieving family integration and appropriate functioning. The emphasis is on a holistic approach that encompasses ecological and systemic frameworks for practice.

Topics:

- Principles of family-centric practice
- Techniques in working with families
- Contemporary interventions in family social work
- Family members with a disability
- Coping with illness in the family
- Grief and loss
- Marginalised families
- Families experiencing poverty
- Living with addiction

Textbooks:

Donald Collins, Cathleen Jordan, & Heather Coleman: An Introduction to Family Work, 4/e <eBook>
4 Cengage
ISBN-13: 9789814875745-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Categorise the needs of different types of families.
- Analyze the multiple needs and strengths of contemporary families in Singapore.
- Sketch the socio-economic conditions that create and sustain poverty.
- Formulate approaches which account for ethnic, class, gender, religious, linguistic, cultural, and sexual differences.
- Apply the strengths and empowerment perspective to practice.
- Use generalist practice to empower family functioning and enrich relationships.

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	30
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	5
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	15
Sub-Total	50

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

Weightage Total **100**