

SWK356e Social Work in Healthcare

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:

Healthcare gives an overview of social work practice in the medical and health setting. It introduces students to the fundamentals of healthcare social work practice and discusses the values, knowledge and skills needed to work in hospitals, home care, nursing homes and hospice care. The health delivery system and the impact of acute care and chronic illnesses on individuals and families are examined. Prevention and health promotion at the community level will also be addressed.

Topics:

- The context of healthcare social work
- Values and ethics in working with sick people
- The impact of illness and disease on sick people, their carers, and family
- Theoretical perspectives
- Working with vulnerable groups
- Working in the layers of healthcare settings
- The Singapore healthcare system
- Healthcare financing
- Healthcare service delivery

Textbooks:

Cowles & Lois: Social Work in the Health Field: A Care Perspective (eBook) 2nd Edition Routledge
Taylor & Francis Group
ISBN-13: 9781136413230-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Discuss the ability to practice in a holistic way that prioritises good outcomes for service users and their families.
- Appraise Singapore's healthcare philosophy, funding, and service delivery framework including the private, not-for-profit, and voluntary welfare sectors.
- Analyse how socio-economic, cultural, religious, psychological, and demographic factors relate to illness, disease, and disability.
- Examine the range of skills needed to work in various healthcare settings.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of illnesses, diseases, and disabilities and an ability to engage medical concepts appropriately.
- Apply the appropriate ethics and values in working with sick service users and their families.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	35
DISCUSSION BOARD	10
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	5
Sub-Total	50

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

Weightage Total **100**