

# **SWK362e Community Development: Practice and Strategies**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY 2 YEARS

**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:**

In earlier courses (SWK293 Social Work Practice and Skills Lab 3: Working with Organisations and Communities and SWK361e Approaches to Community Development), students are introduced to community practice theories and models of practice; community development in Singapore; expanding understandings of community; and new community groups. This course aims to deliver a practice-oriented, skills-focused knowledge base which equips the social worker to engage in community development social work in contemporary Singapore. It provides a basic community organising skills set; tackles translating theory to practice; and analyses stakeholder issues. The role of the social worker forms an essential element of all parts of the course.

## **Topics:**

- Translating community development theories into practice
- Specific communities and their needs
- Successful Singapore models of community organizing
- Sustainability in community development
- Engaging stakeholders and the state
- Social, cultural, religious, and demographic sensitivities
- Societies, charities, and fundraising – law and practice
- Marketing the community
- Group development and maintenance
- Project management and appraisal
- Entrepreneurship as a community development strategy
- Leadership, empowerment and advocacy

## **Textbooks:**

: Progressive community organizing by Loretta Pyles (Routledge N. Y)  
ISBN-13: 9780415538084

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ISBN-13: 9780415538084-AA

**Learning Outcome:**

- Interpret community development models according to the Singapore context of needs.
- Analyse issues and considerations in stakeholder engagement.
- Discuss relevant laws around societies, charities, and fundraising.
- Examine leadership, empowerment, and advocacy dynamics.
- Apply group and project skills.
- Demonstrate the role and limitations of the social worker.

**Assessment Strategies:**

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

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**