

SWK559 Theory and Practice of Gerontological Social Work

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

Theory and Practice of Gerontological Social Work introduces individual ageing and adaptation to ageing in everyday life. This is followed by an examination of ageing on an individual and societal level from a comparative policy and intervention approach. The many facets of working with and care for the elderly will be addressed. This will cover medical and psychological data about the elderly, focusing on physical problems, inner experiences and their instrumental needs. The various methods of working with the older clients will prepare the students with knowledge and skills for work in this challenging area.

Topics:

- Trends in ageing
- Interdisciplinary teamwork
- Geriatric assessment and assessment tools
- Skills in gerontological social work
- Issues in gerontological social work

Textbooks:

Kathleen McInnis-Dittrich: Social Work with Older Adults (4th Ed) 4 Pearson
ISBN-13: 9780205096725-AA

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Learning Outcome:

- Analyse demographic and ageing trends in Singapore and its impact on familial caregiving and the rest of caregiving and the delivery of eldercare services.
- Apply Family Systems Illness Model in case management of older adults.
- Examine the impact of caregiving on the family.
- Discuss end-of-life impact on the elderly and family.
- Assess ageing-related biopsychosocial impact on the individual.
- Appraise the integration of care services for the elderly in Singapore.
- Analyse ethical issues in the care of the elderly.

Assessment Strategies:

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

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

Weightage Total **100**