

# HSW - SOCIAL WORK (HSW)

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## HSW 1003 Introduction to Social Work (3-1-3)

Introduction to values, ethics, history and theory central to social work practice. An understanding of social work methods applicable to systems of all sizes within the framework of a person in environment perspective is developed. Social work roles and career paths are also introduced and discussed.

## HSW 1023 Basic Counselling Skills (3-1-3)

Introduces the basic techniques required for effective communication and interviewing. Topics include active listening skills; questioning and client-centered interviewing skills; empathy; the influence of culture on communication; and the importance of self-awareness. Develops skills in analysing communication events, through observation or involvement, and implementation of behaviours for successful responses.

## HSW 1033 Social Diversity and Justice (3-1-3)

Focuses on issues of diversity, oppression and social justice. Techniques to identify social justice issues as well as skills to successfully intervene with clients experiencing such issues are developed. Impact of diversity on client populations to include identification of strengths are explored. Opportunities for reflection on individual values, beliefs and behaviours towards diversity are provided.

## HSW 1223 Social Work Practice I (3-1-3)

Introduces the knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice with individuals and families. Develops skills of engagement, assessment, documentation, goal and intervention planning. Specific emphasis is given to the theoretical underpinnings of systems ecological framework and the problem-solving process.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1023

## HSW 1233 Social Work and Child Protection in the UAE (3-1-3)

Provides students with an opportunity to explore social work and child protection within the unique cultural context of the UAE. It includes a discussion of common problem-solving approaches of UAE children and families. Introduces culturally relevant social work and child protection problem solving and interventions.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1003

## HSW 1313 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I - Children and Adolescents (3-1-3)

Explores the interaction between development, behavior and the environment during developmental stages of infancy through adolescence. Knowledge and application of theories that provide understanding of biological, psychological, cultural and social systems on development will be examined.

## HSW 2013 Vulnerable Populations: Children and Families (3-1-3)

Applies knowledge and skills gained in earlier social work courses to specific populations. Increases knowledge of dynamics and risk factors unique to families and children. Opportunities are provided to apply theoretical frameworks and skills in identifying family issues such as family violence and child abuse.

## HSW 2033 Laws and Ethics in Social Work in the UAE (3-1-3)

Develops an increased understanding of the values and ethics that shape social work practice. Develops skills in recognizing ethical issues and applying an ethical legal framework to guide practice decisions and enhance use of critical thinking skills. Attention is given to the International Social Work Code of Ethics as well as other ethical frameworks and their application to UAE social work practice.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1033

## HSW 2133 Social Work with Families (3-1-3)

Utilises family theories and models to explore family structure, dynamics and interactions. Structural, communication and behavioural approaches to family interventions as well as continued emphasis on the problem solving approach are presented and applied as culturally relevant models.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1023

## HSW 2143 Social Work Practice II (3-1-3)

Emphasizes the intervention and evaluation phases of social work generalist practice. Students gain knowledge, skills and values of methods of intervention and evaluation for application in diverse environments. A reflective approach to practice will be emphasized.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1023, HSW 1223

## HSW 2323 Vulnerable Populations: Persons with Disabilities (3-1-3)

Extends and applies knowledge and skills gained in earlier Social Work courses to specific populations. Increases knowledge of dynamics and risk factors unique to persons with disabilities. Applies theories such as systems theory to case examples and as a way to guide practice interventions.

## HSW 2324 Child Protection Field Education (1-40-4)

Provides opportunities for professional social work practice with an emphasis on child protection. Students utilize social work knowledge, skills, theories, ethics and behaviors in a college-approved, human service agency. Integration seminars emphasize ethical practice, problem solving and reflection.

## HSW 3013 Social Work Practice III (3-1-3)

Builds on knowledge and skills learned in Social Work Practice I and II. Students will learn how to both select and apply intervention theories and methods in working with culturally diverse populations and contexts. The application of practice models will be emphasized throughout.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1233, HSW 2143

## HSW 3023 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3-1-3)

Explores the interaction between development, behavior and the environment during young, middle and older adulthood. Knowledge and application of theories that provide understanding of biological, psychological, cultural and social systems on adult functioning will be examined.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1313

## HSW 3033 Advanced Group Work (3-1-3)

Expands knowledge of social group work, mutual aid and mezzo level practice. Building on knowledge of group development, dynamics and processes, students will apply knowledge and skills to development of a mutual aid group. The impact of diversity on group dynamics and processes are discussed and explored.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 3103

## HSW 3103 Social Work with Groups (3-1-3)

Introduces social group work. Develops skills needed to work with different kinds of groups and differentiates the social worker's roles and responsibilities with each. Explores group development, stages, dynamics, processes and skills needed to advance the goals of individual members and group as whole.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 1023

**HSW 3223 Social Work Action and Advocacy (3-1-3)**

Builds on micro, mezzo and macro practice skills needed to work with systems of all sizes. Develops strategies and techniques to ethically advocate for options, services, resources and resource development. Particular emphasis will be given to social work tools of advocacy, negotiation, brokering and mediation as ways to promote planned change with and on behalf of clients.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 2033

**HSW 3943 Social Work Field Education II (1-12-3)**

Extends social work knowledge and skills through placement in a human service agency. Students use Knowledge, skills, theories and ethics in practice settings. Weekly integration seminars emphasize ethical practice, problem-solving efforts and reflection.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 2324

**HSW 4013 Research Methodologies for Social Work (3-1-3)**

Introduces the importance of evidence based practice to evaluate and inform social work. Develops knowledge of scientific processes and methods involved in research, as well as an understanding of research related concepts, terms and theory. Opportunities to create a research proposal are provided.

**HSW 4033 Social Policy and Social Development (3-1-3)**

Provides an examination of UAE social policy process. Considers UAE social policy as it relates to vulnerable populations and social well-being. Explores emerging trends and problems of UAE society and methods to advocate and/or evaluate policies to address issues.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 2033, HSW 3223

**HSW 4216 Capstone Research Project (2-8-6)**

Provides an opportunity to study UAE social problems, or problem interventions or some aspect of UAE social policy and their impact on client issues. Students select an area of interest, choose methodology, collect, analyse data and present conclusions.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 4013

**Corequisites:** HSW 4927

**HSW 4223 Social Work Administration (3-1-3)**

Builds on mezzo and macro level knowledge necessary for social workers to successfully work in and provide leadership to their agency/ organisational settings. Knowledge of social agency structures, roles and functions of administrators and ability to analyse the impact of social welfare policy, funding, agency mission and structure on service delivery are further developed.

**HSW 4233 International Social Work (3-1-3)**

Explores the historical development and current trends in the field of international social work. Ability to analyze the role of the United Nations and its impact on international social work is developed. Explores other international agencies and current roles for social workers in these organizations. Impact of social policy on international agencies is emphasized within a systems context.

**HSW 4243 Psychological Health and Issues (3-1-3)**

Applies psychological theory to mental health and wellbeing. Examines treatment paradigms of mental health and behavioral disorders and provides opportunities for knowledge and application of theoretical approaches to wellbeing, prevention, diagnosis and treatment. Application of skills to locate and use major classification systems for mental health and behavioral disorders will also be provided.

**Prerequisites:** HSC 2203 or LSS 2203

**HSW 4303 Social Work with Communities (3-1-3)**

Extends knowledge of community work practice as a macro method of social work. Abilities to analyze various models of community work and evaluate their impact on addressing macro-level issues are considered. Applies appropriate techniques and strategies needed to successfully conduct a community work project, community needs assessments, project planning, implementation, and evaluation are provided.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 3223

**HSW 4927 Social Work Field Education III (0-24-7)**

Integration of social work knowledge and skills through practice in a human-service organization. Students use knowledge, skills, theories, ethics and values in practice settings. Integration seminars emphasize ethical practice, problem-solving efforts and reflection.

**Prerequisites:** HSW 2324, HSW 3943

**Corequisites:** HSW 4216