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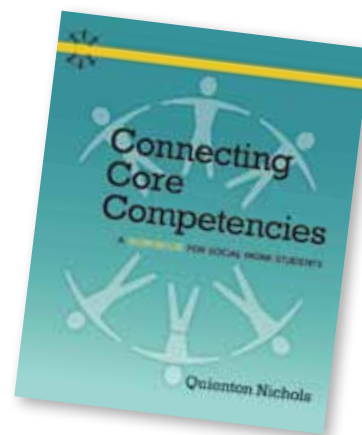
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# INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of the social work profession and discusses the roles and functions of professional social workers in a variety of fields of social work practice. Students are introduced to the uniqueness of the profession, the Social Work Code of Ethics, and the history of Social Work profession. The course includes information on issues relating to diversity and special populations.

## STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will demonstrate the ability to:

- Recognize the distinguishing characteristics of the social work profession.
- Identify and define the roles and functions of professional social workers in a variety of fields of practice.
- Identify and clarify the knowledge and value components of professional social work practice.
- Differentiate between a personal and a professional value system.
- Identify the role of professional social workers with diverse, special, and at-risk populations.
- Trace the history of the social work profession.

## REQUIRED TEXT

Farley, O. W., Smith, L. L., Boyle, S.W. (2012) *Introduction to Social Work (12th ed.)*. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

### *Recommended Texts*

Suppes, M. A. (2009). *The Social Work Experience: An Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (5<sup>th</sup> Ed)*. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

DuBois, B. L. & Miley, K. K. (2011). *Social Work: An Empowering Profession (7<sup>th</sup> Ed)*. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.

## ASSIGNMENTS

### 1. *Distinguishing Characteristics of the Social Work profession*

This assignment is based on the information provided in chapter One of the required text book, “Introduction to Social Work” (Farley et al). Draw a 4 column table and label each column and row as given below. Complete each cell so that you can show how social work is different from other professions/disciplines

	SOCIAL WORK	SOCIOLOGY	PSYCHOLOGY	PSYCHIATRY
PROFESSIONAL DEGREE/S REQUIRED				
PRIMARY FOCUS/ PHILOSOPHY OF THE PROFESSION				
ROLE/S OF THE PROFESSIONALS WORKING IN THIS FIELD				
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS				
METHODS OF PRACTICE				

### 2. *Time-Line Team Project:*

Divide the class into groups of four. Ask them to read Chapter Two (The Evolution of Social Welfare and Social Work in the United States). Ask each team to

- (1) select a team leader to coordinate the team members
- (2) divide the chapter equally among team members

- (3) ask each team member to read their assigned section,
- (4) ask each team member to write a 200 word summary of their assigned reading and submit it as an individual assignment
- (5) prepare a chronological timeline of 20 significant events in the history of social work and social welfare in the United States. The timeline needs to be prepared by the entire team, as a group, and to be submitted by the team leader.

### **3. *Web-based Assignment on Professional Organizations:***

Google the web-sites for the following organizations: National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Your state's Social Work Licensing body. Explore these web-sites and respond to the following questions:

- (1) What are the benefits of becoming members of NASW and CSWE?
- (2) What type of information can you find on each of these three websites (write a paragraph for each organization)?
- (3) What type of license will you become eligible for after receiving a Bachelor's degree in social work?
- (4) Which website provides information about the Social Work Code of Ethics? Please order a copy for yourself.
- (5) Find out when was the last time CSWE accredited the baccalaureate Social Work program at your university.

### **4. *Community Organization Assignment***

To complete this assignment, read chapter Seven. Choose one case history from the three provided at the end of the chapter and respond to the following questions:

- (1) Identify the problem/need that needed to be addressed in this case history.
- (2) What steps were taken to address this problem/need?
- (3) If you were involved in this project, would you have used a different approach?
- (4) Why and what would you have done differently?
- (5) Can you identify some of the underlying principles of community organization in this case history?

### **5. *Role and Functions of professional social workers:***

Visit a local social service agency that provides services in any of the following fields of practice: family and child welfare, addictions, health care, mental health, disabilities, services for older individuals, services for minority populations, and correctional services. Choose an agency that employs a professional social worker. Set up an appointment with the social worker for an interview and find responses to the following questions:

- (1) What are the services provided by the agency?
- (2) What are the various functions of the social worker in this agency?

- (3) What qualifications (including licenses) would be needed for a social worker to get employed by this agency?
- (4) How does this agency get funded?
- (5) What are the factors that would determine the salary-range of a social worker in this agency?

## 6. *Fields of Practice Assignment*

The primary objective of this assignment is to help students understand the role and functions of social workers in various fields of social work practice. Ask the students to select any one chapter from chapters 9 to 19 in the required textbook and follow the instructions given below:

- (1) Select any one chapter from chapters 9 to 19. Each chapter describes a “field of practice.”
- (2) Summarize the various types of services that are provided to clients in that “field of practice.”
- (3) Explain the role and functions of social workers in that “field of practice.”
- (4) Give an example of a local agency that provides services in the “field of practice” selected by you for this assignment.

## 7. *Examinations:*

In addition to doing the class assignments, students will be given three exams during the semester including the final exam. Each exam will cover one third of the course material and will be given as a “unit” exam.

## **GRADING**

Below is a chart of the possible points or percentages that can be achieved for each assignment.

Assignment	Possible Points
Distinguishing Characteristics of the Social Work profession	50
Time-Line Team Project	50
Web-based Assignment on Professional Organizations	50
Community Organization Assignment	50
Role and Functions of professional social workers	50
Fields of Practice Assignment	50
Exam One	100
Exam Two	100
Exam Three	100
Total Possible Points	600

***Letter Equivalents (Include + or – grades depending on your university’s grading system)***

A= 540 to 600 (90% to 100%)      B= 480 to 539 (80% to 89.9%)

C= 420 to 479 (70% to 79.9%)      D= 360 to 419 (60% to 69.9%)

F= 359 and below (59.9% and below)

## Course Outline

Week	Assignments	Due
Weeks One and Two	1. Read Chapter One 2. Complete Assignment One (Distinguishing Characteristics of the Social Work profession)	At the end of 2nd week
Week Three	1. Read Chapter Two 2. Complete Assignment Two (Time-Line Team Project)	At the end of 2nd week
Weeks Four and Five	1. Read Chapter Three 2. Read Chapter Four 3. Assignment Three (Web-based assignment) 4. Exam One	Assignment 3 and Exam One are due at the end of 5 <sup>th</sup> week
Weeks Six and Seven	1. Read Chapter Five 2. Read Chapter Six 3. Read Chapter Seven 4. Complete Assignment Four (Community Organization Assignment)	At the end of 7 <sup>th</sup> week
Weeks Eight, Nine, and Ten	1. Read Chapter Nine 2. Read Chapter Ten 3. Read Chapter Eleven 4. Read Chapter Twelve 5. Exam Two	Exam Two is due at the end of 10 <sup>th</sup> week
Weeks Eleven, Twelve, and Thirteen	1. Read Chapter thirteen 2. Read Chapter Fourteen 3. Read Chapter Fifteen 4. Read Chapter Sixteen 5. Assignment Five (roles and functions assignment)	At the end of 13 <sup>th</sup> week

Weeks Fourteen, Fifteen, and Sixteen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read Chapter Seventeen</li> <li>2. Read Chapter Eighteen</li> <li>3. Read Chapter Nineteen</li> <li>4. Read Chapter Twenty</li> <li>5. Assignment Six (Fields of Practice assignment)</li> </ol>	At the end of 16 <sup>th</sup> week
Week Seventeen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read Chapter Twenty-one</li> <li>2. Read Chapter Twenty-two</li> <li>3. Final Exam</li> </ol>	The Final exam is due in the 17 <sup>th</sup> week

# Chapter 1

## *What is Social Work?*

### CHAPTER SUMMARY

However fast-moving and uncertain today's world may be, people are still at its core. People have problems that invite professional assistance: personal, family, and community. Social welfare is an important aspect of the modern way of life. Social work is a profession that focuses particularly on helping people solve their personal, family, and community problems through enhancing social functioning. It emphasizes human values and the intrinsic worth of all people. The basic functions of social work are (1) restoration of impaired social functioning, (2) provision of social services, and (3) prevention. Social work shares some knowledge and skills with sociology, psychiatry, psychology, and counseling, but it possesses distinguishing characteristics that set it apart from these disciplines. Social work is moving ahead as a progressive profession in the helping services arena.

### CORE COMPETENCIES IN THIS CHAPTER

*Competencies in bold are addressed significantly in this chapter.*

Professional Identity	Ethical Practice	Critical Thinking	Diversity in Practice	Human Rights & Justice
Research Based Practice	Human Behavior	Policy Practice	Practice Contexts	Engage, Assess, Intervene, Evaluate

### CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

After completing the chapter, students will be able to:

- Define Professional Social Work and Social Welfare
- Identify the underlying principles and assumptions of social work profession.
- Identify the distinguishing characteristics of professional social work
- Identify practice settings for careers in social work
- Distinguish between social work and other disciplines that contribute to social work knowledge-base and skills.

## SUGGESTED DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. Discuss some of the distinguishing characteristics that make social work a unique profession.
2. Discuss how social work is different from other human services professions such as sociology, psychology, counseling, and psychiatry.
3. Discuss why social work practice is considered an "art" with a scientific and value foundation.
4. Discuss the statement "social work practice values are not necessarily or altogether those universally or predominantly held or practiced in society."
5. Discuss how social workers "help clients help themselves."

## SUGGESTED CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND ASSIGNMENTS

1. This is a type of "pretest" activity. On the first or second day of class, ask students to write down what they "think" (in their opinion) a "professional" social worker does or is expected to do in an agency setting. The goal of this assignment is to assess students' initial understanding of social work as a "profession."
2. Ask students to identify as many elements as possible in their "total" environment to help them understand how various factors have an impact on their lives. The goal of this activity is help students understand why social work emphasizes on the "total person" in the "total environment."
3. Ask students to identify any 5 personal strengths and 5 personal limitations (including personal values that they hold) that will help and hinder their professional social work career.