

SWK3180: Fieldwork Skills and Practicum 1

Semester 3

SWK4410: Community Work: Theory and Practice

This module explores the concept of 'community' and its applications; the theory and practice of the various community work models (social planning, community development and social action); the role of community work in social work activities; and the skills involved in the practice of community work.

SWK4420: The Individuals, Health and Society

This module provides an introduction to the social work knowledge and skills necessary for conceptualising and assessing health and mental health problems. It provides a framework for understanding contemporary health concerns which impact on the individuals and families who come to social work attention.

SWK4430: Cross-Cultural Social Work Theory and Practice

Students will develop a framework for working with people in a multicultural society, and understand the complexity of cultural factors in people's lives. It identifies the principles and practices necessary for culturally sensitive practice.

SWK4440: Social Work Management Theory and Practice

This module studies organisational theory and structure, and research knowledge about organisations as a basis for assessing human service organisations. This knowledge is applied particularly in the areas of programme planning and evaluation, and organisation change.

Semester 4

SWK4450: Social Policy and Social Justice 2

This module expands on the related first module (SWK3260) by drawing attention to particular ideological critiques of existing welfare states. The impact of globalisation is also examined.

SWK4460: Critical and Creative Social Work Theory and Practice

This module comprises two parts: 'Critical and creative Social Work Theory and Practice' and 'Child Abuse and Child Protection'. The first part dwells into the study of social work theory as a basis for the integration of social work knowledge and practice. 'Child Abuse and Child Protection' uses the same principles in examining the child protection field.

SWK4560: Fieldwork Skills and Practicum 2

Bridging Modules

SWK2010 Introduction to Social Work A: Social Issues

This module introduces the current social issues and the response of the social and community services field to these issues. A range of intervention methods will be explored and some key contemporary debates in social services analysed.

SWK2020 Introduction to Human Development A: Developmental Concepts

This module introduces the life course perspective on human development. It emphasizes the importance of human development to social work practice and the development of social work interventions.

SWK2030 Introduction to Social Work B: Policy and Practice Issues

This module provides an introduction to the context of social work practice: the impact of globalisation on practice and examination of the links between policy and practice.

SWK2040 Introduction to Human Development B: Person and Environment

Students are introduced to key sociological concepts that influence human development and behaviour. A range of areas will be examined including issues of the psychosocial person, the spiritual person and narrative approaches.

Accreditation / Recognition

The Bachelor in Social Work (BSW) is approved and accredited by the Singapore Association of Social Workers (SASW) and Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). Apart from practice in Singapore, graduates will be eligible to practice in Australia, United Kingdom and in many other countries.

Enhanced Flexible Learning

The BSW is offered through a method of enhanced flexible learning. Students will be offered workshops in Singapore in each subject by Australian academic staff. This will be supplemented by regular tutorials conducted by fully qualified staff employed by SSTI. In addition, students are provided with detailed course books, readings, on-line instruction and exercises. Classes are conducted in the evenings and/or weekends.

Fieldwork

Students will need to undertake 980 hours of field placements during their degree programme. These are undertaken in human service agencies, and are supervised by agency staff. Placements may be undertaken on a part/full-time basis.

Teaching Methods and Assessment

A wide variety of teaching methods are used in the course. These include lectures, small group discussions, and experiential programmes where students are given an opportunity to develop and practice skills in interviewing. Assessment methods include written assignments, class and take-home examinations, group projects and submission of video and/or audiotapes. Students are also given detailed course books and readings.

Target Participants / Minimum Admission:

- Kindly refer to attached Table of Pathways to Monash-SSTI BSW programme.

Date:

Bridging semester: September 2010#

BSW programme: February 2011

Closing Date:

31 July 2010 (Bridging semester)

31 December 2010 (BSW programme)

This programme will commence only when the minimum intake of students is met.

Course Fees*:

AUD\$1950 (inclusive of 7% GST) per 6-point module* or AUD\$1365 for participant eligible for 30% funding from the VWO Capability Fund (for VWO staff only)

Semester	Module	Points per module	Fee
Semester 1, February 2011 – June 2011	SWK3220	6	AUD1,950
	SWK3230	6	AUD1,950
	SWK3240	6	AUD1,950
	SWK3250	6	AUD1,950
Semester 2, July 2011 – December 2011	SWK3120	6	AUD1,950
	SWK3180	12	AUD3,900
	SWK3260	6	AUD1,950
Semester 3, February 2012 – June 2012	SWK4410	6	AUD1,950
	SWK4420	6	AUD1,950
	SWK4430	6	AUD1,950
	SWK4440	6	AUD1,950
Semester 4, July 2012 – December 2012	SWK4450	6	AUD1,950
	SWK4460	6	AUD1,950
	SWK4560	12	AUD3,900

*Total fee of AUD\$31,200 or AUD\$21,840 (for those eligible for VCF) for the programme payable by instalments over 4 semesters. **(Amounts do not include bridging modules' fees)**

*Unit Fees shall be subject to the Monash University policy of annual adjustment

Table of Pathways to the Monash-SSTI Bachelor of Social Work Programme:

	Existing Qualification	Additional Qualification to be undertaken	Degree Eligibility
1	Two Years of a University Social Science Degree	None	Bachelor of Social Work
2	A completed University Social Science Degree		
3	Two years of a University Degree in an area unrelated to the Social Sciences	Two 6-point Bridging Modules	
4	A completed University Degree in an area unrelated to the Social Sciences		
5	Local Polytechnic 3-year Diploma in a related area (e.g. :Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy)		
6	Local Polytechnic 3-year Diploma in unrelated area (e.g.: Business Management, Engineering) + Diploma in Disability Studies (15-month)		
7	Local Polytechnic 3 year Diploma in an unrelated area (e.g.: Business Management, Engineering)	Four 6-point Bridging Modules	

Bachelor Of Social Work (BSW)

(Offered by Monash University, Australia, in partnership with Social Service Training Institute)

Course Content: The course comprises 14 modules, which may be completed in 4 semesters under the full-time study option.

Semester 1

SWK3220: Social Work in Society

This module is an introduction to the field of social work, its history, theory and knowledge base, ethics, and role in the human services. The application of social work research knowledge in tackling the disadvantaged is highlighted.

SWK3230: Social Work Research

Students will look at the place of research in social work and in the development of social work knowledge; the process and utilisation of social work research; the most commonly used social work research techniques and skills, emphasizing how the various quantitative and qualitative methods may be synthesized within the one research project, and the quantitative and qualitative methods data analysis.

SWK3240: Working with Individuals

This module introduces students to direct social work practice with individuals. It examines the nature and definition of direct social work practice; examines some of the value-based and contentious issues in social work practice; considers theories that have influenced direct social practices; and examines a problem-solving model for working with individuals.

SWK3250: Social Work Perspectives on Human Development

Students will examine a lifespan approach to human development with particular emphasis on life stage transitions, including death, variations in human behaviour, and the impact of specific life crises, and consideration of the implications for social work practice.

Semester 2

SWK3120: Working with Families and Groups

This module comprises of two sections: 'Group Work' and 'Family Work'. Group Work examines the historical development of group work; the group work process with emphasis on the beginning, ending and enhancing communication in groups; group leadership styles and terminating groups. In Family Work, family functioning is explained from a variety of theoretical frameworks drawing out the implications for practice.

SWK3260: Social Policy and Social Justice 1

This module investigates the major political and ideological debates influencing welfare provision and its history. It examines frameworks for analysing contemporary social policies and social welfare philosophies. It also studies the legal mandate and legal processes which implement policies in the key human service areas, and outlines key legal dilemmas which impact on social work practice.