SWRK3003 - Field Education 3
Course Outline

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Consultation hours: By appointment

Semester: Semester 1 - 2010
Unit Weighting: 20
Teaching Methods: Field Study  Practicum  Workshop

Brief Course Description
A placement of forty-five days supervised by a qualified social worker. Staff of the program locate and service placements and students are allocated a placement according to a number of pedagogical principles that take into account the needs of the student. The placement is assessed against a clearly stated set of learning goals. Students are well supported during the placement with group meetings on campus and a staff liaison person allocated to each student. Policies, procedures and expectations relating to field education courses in the Bachelor of Social Work program are detailed in the BSW Field Education Handbook.

Contact Hours
Field Study for 315 Hours for the Full Term
Workshop 9 Hours for the Full Term
Field Study consists of 45 days placement.

Students need to attend 3 x 3hr workshops which are held in weeks 6, 9, and 12.

Course Outline Issued and Correct as at: Week 1, Semester 1 - 2010

CTS Download Date: February 4th 2010
Learning Materials/Texts

Field education handbook: Bachelor of social work, 2010 (Edition 1)


Course Objectives

To work in a professional setting applying social work principles and standards, demonstrating problem solving capacities, working effectively with others and in teams, learning from feedback and able to devise appropriate social work interventions in the field of practice.

Students develop a learning contract identifying specific tasks and goals based on:
1) Field Education program goals
2) Individual learning needs
3) Required knowledge and skill development in social work
4) The unique learning opportunities available in the particular agency context.

Course Content

Forty five days supervised field placement and three campus workshops.

Assessment Items

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<th>Other: (please specify)</th>
<th>This course is graded as either 'ungraded pass' or 'fail'. All assessment items must be completed to a satisfactory standard to attain a pass grade.</th>
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<td>Completion of 45 days supervised field experience.</td>
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<td>Other: (please specify)</td>
<td>Assessment in SWRK3003 is continuous. It begins with campus-based preparatory classes and continues until the student has left the agency and completed all agency and campus based tasks.</td>
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<td>Assessment is based on satisfactory performance in the four areas of:</td>
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<td>a) Placement written tasks are:</td>
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<td>* Field placement learning plan.</td>
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<td>* Mid-placement student report.</td>
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<td>* End of placement student report.</td>
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<td>b) Field practice is assessed by:</td>
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<td>* Progress towards learning goals as specified in the learning plan.</td>
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<td>* Participation in agency-based mid and end of placement reviews.</td>
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<td>* End of placement Field Educator's report.</td>
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<td>c) Campus component is:</td>
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<td>* Attendance at, and participation in all campus-based field placement preparation classes and review sessions.</td>
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<td>d) Ethical and professional conduct is assessed in accordance with:</td>
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<td>* The AASW Code of Ethics</td>
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The final grade is determined by the Field Education Coordinator, on the recommendation of the University liaison person following a review of performance in all assessment items outlined above. The field education coordinator presents results to the School examiners meeting for final approval prior to submission to Faculty Board.

Reports
1. Field Placement Learning Contract.

Assumed Knowledge
Completion of all first and second year social work courses. Concurrent completion of SWRK3001.

Callaghan Campus Timetable
SWRK3003
Field Education 3
Enquiries: School of Humanities and Social Science
Semester 1 - 2010
Workshop Friday 9:00 - 12:00 [W202, W218]
Wks 9, 12 & 15 only

Withdrawal from a Course Containing a Placement

Mandatory Program Component
This course is a mandatory program component. Refer - http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000647.html (section 2).

Essential Criteria in Assessment
This course contains compulsory components or assessment items that must be satisfactorily completed in order for a student to receive a pass mark or better for the course. These essential elements are described in the CTS and documented on pp 2-3 in this outline. Refer - http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000648.html

Studentmail and Blackboard: Refer - www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au/

This course uses Blackboard and studentmail to contact students, so you are advised to keep your email accounts within the quota to ensure you receive essential messages. To receive an expedited response to queries, post questions on the Blackboard discussion forum if there is one, or if emailing staff directly use the course code in the subject line of your email. Students are advised to check their studentmail and the course Blackboard site on a weekly basis.

Important Additional Information
Details about additional topics are available on your course Blackboard site (where relevant). Refer - www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au/