

196-521 Advanced Practice with Groups

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus. On campus (intensive)
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hours Total Time Commitment: 24 contact hours 16 hours of class preparation and reading 24 hours of assessment related tasks = 64 hours total time commitment = 8 hours total time per week
Prerequisites:	196211 Social Work Practice with Groups
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	To be advised
Coordinator:	Dr Fiona McDermott
Subject Overview:	<p>This subject is intended for social workers who have experience in working with groups, and/or are practitioners who intend establishing a group for service users in their agency. Thus, the subject presumes some understanding of the basics of social work practice with groups and is focused upon developing understanding of the theory and practice relevant to this approach to working with people. Students may be working with groups in providing therapeutic interventions, social support, as a community development or social action strategy, or as assisting self-help groups in health, mental health, individual and family settings, and/or in non-voluntary or mandated programs.</p> <p>Subject objectives</p> <p>On completion of this subject, students will be expected to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Built on and increased their knowledge and skills in aspects of practice with groups # Explored the research literature on work with groups in relation to the evidence base for group work intervention in a selected area # Demonstrated their understanding of the challenges and issues involved in evaluating and/or researching their own group work practice
Assessment:	A written assessment of 2,000 words (40%) due mid-semester A written assessment of 3,000 words (60%) due end of semester
Prescribed Texts:	McDermott, F. (2002). Inside group work: A guide to reflective practice. Crows Nest: Allen & Unwin. A reading pack will be available
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>Students who complete this subject should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # critically analyse texts and practices; # understand recent developments in social work contexts of practice; # link theory to practice; # competently communicate in ways relevant to both academic and practice contexts;

	# undertake independent research.
Links to further information:	http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/
Notes:	n/a
Related Course(s):	Master of Social Work (Advanced Seminars and Shorter Thesis) Master of Social Work (Clinical) (Advanced Seminars & Shorter Thesis)