

SCWK90033 Psychosocial Themes in Health Practice

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: To be advised Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Selection into the MSW Clinical or MSW Health (coursework only) or as approved by the RAGS coordinator
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's courses. Students who feel their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
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Subject Overview:	The aim of this subject is to reflect on and develop direct practice knowledge and skills related to key psychosocial issues that span and are common to most fields of health social work practice. This focus will enable students to develop insight and advanced practice theory and skills around these critical areas. The subject will aim to increase and strengthen the capacity of students to identify and intervene in these emotionally challenging areas with increased skill and confidence. The course will commence with a discussion of the link between generalist and specialties direct social work practice and then move to an exploration of critical issues in health and how these impact on the practice of health social work. These will include trauma and loss, recovery and resilience, bereavement, palliative care and end of life issues, adaptation and rehabilitation, domestic violence, abuse and neglect. In each instance theoretical knowledge will be combined with the opportunity to develop skills related to the practice of social work as it relates to these key issues.
Objectives:	To be advised
Assessment:	A written assignment totaling 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester
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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # critically think about and analyze practice; # communicate such thinking in the form of written materials; # think creatively about the development of programs;

	# demonstrate understand the social ethical and cultural context.
Links to further information:	http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/