

Course Name	Contemporary Practice Approaches				
Course ID	13118				
Area & Cat No.	WELF 3007				
Units	4.5	Career	UG	BUGE	No
School	SWP	Campus(es)	Magill	FOE	090501
Components	Lecture, Tutorial	Mode	Internal/External/ Online	Final Exam	No
Syllabus Plus	Yes/No?				

Prerequisite(s)

WELF 3011 Social Work Field Education 1

Aim

To enable the student to critically analyse and examine the discourses in a range of contemporary approaches to social work practice.

On completion of this course students should be able to:

- critically analyse contemporary social work practice approaches;
- critically examine discourses and contested positions in the social work literature in relation to practice approaches;
- articulate the impact of contemporary debates about practice approaches on the students own developing approach;
- apply different social work approaches in case studies.

By undertaking this course, students will progress in the development of the following qualities:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Graduate quality	Body of knowledge	Lifelong learning	Effective problem solving	Work alone and in teams	Ethical action	Communicate effectively	International perspective
Indicative unit weighting	2.0	1.0	0.5	-	0.5	-	0.5

Syllabus

Contemporary practice approaches; contested positions on social work approaches; application of different social work approaches to case studies; historical development of social work thinking; the place of major schools of social work thinking; liberation/oppression; gender; structural; individual behaviour; empowerment; racism/discrimination; identity and action; critical theory; post-structuralist theory; narrative therapy; feminist models of social work practice.

Teaching and learning arrangements

This course will be delivered using the following means:

Internal Mode

Lecture (9 weeks x 1 hour) and Tutorial (9 weeks x 1 hours)

All day Intensives (x2) or 13 weeks – Lecture x1 hour’ Tutorials x 1 hour

Assessment

Essay (3000 words)	45%
Online exercise	15%
Take home exam	40%

Textbook(s)

A book of readings will be provided.

Payne, M, *Modern Social Work Theory*, (2nd ed), MacMillan, England, 1996.

References

Dominelli, L, *Anti Racist Social Work*, (2nd ed), MacMillan, London, 1997.

Rees, S, *Achieving Power: Practice and Policy in Social Welfare*, Allen and Unwin, 1991.

Thompson, N, *Anti-Discriminatory Practice*, (2nd ed), Practice Social Work Series, MacMillan, England, 1997.

Turner, F, J, *Social Work Treatment: Interlocking Theoretical Approaches*, (4th ed), Free Press, New York, 1996.

Course coordinator

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