

Course Name	Social Work Practice in Health Care				
Course ID	011701				
Area & Cat No.	WELF 4012				
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				

Prerequisite(s)

All third year courses

Aim

To enable students to develop their framework for social work practice within health care systems and to critically analyse these systems in relation to social justice and inclusiveness of diverse social identities.

On completion of this course students should be able to:

- describe his/her framework for social work practice within health care settings
- give an account of health policy development in Australia and how social work practice intersects with policy processes
- analyse the changing organisation of health care services in Australia;
- analyse the location of the individual and populations in relation to current health discourses, public policy and social work practice
- explore social work knowledge and its application in primary health and acute care settings
- examine the relationship between social work practice and practice frameworks in primary health care and health promotion
- apply social work intervention processes and skills in health care settings.

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	0.75	0.25	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.5

Syllabus

Historical development of the Australian health system, Australian health policy and the organisation of health services, population health, social view of health and primary health care, power and influence: health care occupations in the Australian health industry, social work and health care, current health issues & trends in Australia - challenges and the influence of social work practice, sexuality and health, mental health, migrant health.

Teaching and learning arrangements

This course will be delivered using the following means:
12 lectures and 12 x 2 hour tutorials

Assessment

Health Profile			15%
Presentation	Group (15%)	Individual (25%)	40%
Essay			35%
Participation	Formative		10%

Textbook(s)

A book of readings will be available.

References

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