MSocial Work Option: Healthcare (01251065)

Duration of study	2 years
Total credits	280
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Programme information

Closing date for applications: 31 July annually.

Admission requirements

- BSW degree in social work with a minimum average mark of at least 65% or an equivalent qualification.

- Departmental selection.

Additional requirements

A compulsory module in research methodology, namely MWT 864, must be passed.

Pass with distinction

A student passes with distinction when an average mark of 75% is achieved for the core modules and the mini-dissertation, subject to a minimum of 70% for the mini-dissertation.

Curriculum: Year 1

Core modules

Social healthcare (1) 855 (MWT 855)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	DS
Contact time	3 other contact sessions per week, 8 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

*Departmental selection
Policy and primary health care
South African health policy, structure and trends; primary healthcare; the multi-disciplinary team and alternative healthcare providers; conceptualisation of social work in healthcare; theoretical models; cultural, indigenous and religious aspects of health; experience and psychosocial impact of disease, treatment, hospitalisation on patient, family and community.

Social healthcare (2) 856 (MWT 856)

Module credits	25.00
Prerequisites	DS
Contact time	3 other contact sessions per week, 8 practicals per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*Closed - requires departmental selection
Vulnerable groups in health care
Women's health, child health, geriatric health, mental health, persons with disability.

Social healthcare (3) 857 (MWT 857)

Module credits	25.00
Prerequisites	DS
Contact time	3 other contact sessions per week, 8 practicals per week, 32 Contact hours
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

*Closed - requires departmental selection
Specialist fields in health care
Acute care, trauma and trauma debriefing; chronic care; HIV and AIDS; palliative and end-of-life care.

Social health care: Practical 870 (MWT 870)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	MWT 870 runs concurrently with MWT 855, MWT 856 and MWT 857 + DS
Contact time	8 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Integration and demonstration of theoretical components of social work in health care in practice. This includes work with communities, families, groups and patients with health care needs in the health field.

Curriculum: Final year

Core modules

Mini-dissertation: Social work 895 (MWT 895)

Module credits	90.00
Prerequisites	MWT 864
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

A comprehensive report (80-100 pages) on an approved research project based on independent research in a specialist field in social work selected in consultation with a supervisor. Scholastic and advanced research of selected specialist area including the planning, resourcing and managing of processes. Accountability for achieving and evaluating personal and/or group output.

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