



**WMO Arts and Science College, Muttil, Wayanad**

**Department of Social Work**

**Criteria 1 1.3.2 Percentage of students  
undertaken field work – objectives of field work**

**Academic year 2021- 2022**

## **FIELD WORK**

The Department of Social Work at WMO College aims at providing the best opportunities for the students with regard to their professional development. The components of field practicum such as placement, monitoring, coordination and final grading of the students are done by the Field Practicum Faculty Coordinator. The department aims at providing field placement as an employment model to equip students for their career. It offers the students the prospects of getting acquainted with the practical and the professional experience that helps to observe the Professional Social Workers' role in the helping process. The field practicum in the community setting is designed to get a grass root level first-hand experience whereby the students are expected to identify opportunities for the involvement in community. The exposure focuses on developing students' expertise on knowledge, attitude, social work methods and professional self. The twoyear field practicum in the MSW program is planned in such a way that the students will be able to do their practicum placement in various social work settings so that they are professionally well equipped.

## **OBJECTIVES**

### **FIRST SEMESTER**

#### **Knowledge Objectives**

1. Understand a community in terms of its geographical, social, economic and political system, power structure and their inter-relationship
2. Understand the need analysis framework in a community setting
3. Understand the value and code of ethics of professional social work practice and familiarize with the principles of social work
4. Know the living conditions and the problems of the rural communities
5. Understand the culture, norms, values of a community
6. Knowledge of the structure and functions of the decentralized governance system in Kerala

### **Skills Objectives**

1. Demonstrate professional rapport building skills with the people in the community
2. Demonstrate the skills in need analysis in a community setting
3. Demonstrate oral, written and presentation skills of communication in a community context
4. Demonstrate positive attitudes towards the people in vulnerable condition
5. Demonstrate the ability to use a broad understanding of individuals, families and the community client system in the selection, goal setting, planning and application of interventions
6. Demonstrate skills in report writing and documentation of practice
7. Demonstrate skills in program planning, implementation and evaluation.

### **SECOND SEMESTER**

#### **Knowledge Objectives**

1. Understand the functioning of an agency in terms of its history, philosophy, programs, client population, community resources, funding and organizational structure.
2. Learn the role of a professional social worker in a practice setting.
3. Learn methodologies of social work recording.
4. Develop understanding on the field work agency's organizational dynamics including conflict management.
5. Develop knowledge of communication and interviewing processes with individuals, groups, families and organizations.

#### **Skills Objectives**

1. Demonstrate rapport building skills with the client/client system in their respective social work practice setting.
2. Demonstrate skills in interviewing, engagement, assessment and evaluation.
3. Develop enabling skills through applying case work and group work methods.
4. Practice the principles, values and ethics of social work in the field.

5. Demonstrate ability to function as a member of a team and agency.
6. Develop the skills in documentation.
7. Develop skills in identifying and utilizing community resources both government and voluntary

### **THIRD SEMESTER**

#### **Knowledge Objectives**

1. Understanding the functioning of an agency in terms of its history, philosophy, programs, client population, community resources, funding and organizational structure.
2. Learn the social worker's role in the respective practice setting.
3. Develop a knowledge base for direct practice in their respective field settings, based on hands-on experience under careful supervision.
4. Learn the methodologies of social work recording in their respective field.
5. Develop knowledge of practice with a multidisciplinary team.
6. Develop knowledge on the administration of human service organizations.
7. Develop understanding on the methods of participatory project planning and management.

#### **Skills Objectives**

1. Enhance rapport building skills with the clientele in the respective social work practice setting.
2. Enhance assessment skills of trainees in their respective (psychiatric/community) setting
3. Demonstrate skills in intervention with clients and families.
4. Apply/Practice the principles and code of ethics of the social work in the field
5. Develop skills in working as a team
6. Develop advanced social work recording skills
7. Develop skills in project planning and management.

## **FOURTH SEMESTER AND FINAL BLOCK PLACEMENT**

### **Knowledge Objectives**

1. Advanced knowledge on organizational management and project management in student's respective area of specialization
2. Understanding on systematic recording in the practice context.
3. Develop knowledge on researches already conducted in the field of specialization in relation to the field practicum site.
4. Develop knowledge on community/government resources, networking and collaboration in the specialization area.
5. Acquire knowledge on the use of median and communication devices for development communication in the specialization area.

### **Skills Objectives**

1. Enhance skills in evaluation of the functions and services of the agency in the specialization field.
2. Enhance skills in formulating a plan for better client reach and organization development.
3. Acquire higher level of proficiency in recording skills.
4. Acquire skill to deal with ethical issues and dilemmas in social work practice.
5. Develop proficient assessment and intervention skills in the specialization area.
6. Develop proficiency in utilizing appropriate intervention with diverse clientele.
7. Develop enhanced critical thinking in relation to integration of theories, practice knowledge and self-reflection.
8. Attain advanced skills in networking and the ability to provide consultation to similar agencies.
9. Demonstrate abilities to utilize the knowledge of research to assess the effectiveness of one's own practice.
10. Demonstrate the ability to utilize mass media and other communication devices for development communication in the specialization area of intervention

## **FIELD PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS**

### **FIRST SEMESTER**

1. Assignment: Prepare a write up on 'Professional Social Work' – to be submitted before the field practicum begins.
2. Prepare a Community Study Report
3. Conduct a community program based on community need

### **SECOND SEMESTER**

1. Assignment: Write up on 'My understanding of Case work and Group work' to be submitted before the field practicum begins
2. Study the agency functioning, objectives, target population and interventions, organization structure, staffing, financial resources, future plans, role of social worker, challenges in the practice etc.
3. Case Work: a minimum of 5 individual cases for case work
4. Group Work: groups at least 2 with 5 sessions each

### **THIRD SEMESTER**

#### **a) Specialization: Medical and Psychiatric Social Work**

- a. Taking Case history and Mental Status Examination (MSE) of five (minimum) clients – 5 (in number)
- b. Psychosocial assessment – 5 (in number)
- c. Case Work: a minimum of 3 individual cases for case work
- d. Group Work: groups at least 2 with 5 sessions each

#### **b) Specialization: Community Development**

- a. Forming at least 2 groups or involving in the revamping or promotion of 2 groups
- b. Organizing a program in the agency /community using participatory methods and by mobilizing resources (community organization) – 1 (in number)

- c. Identify an “issue” in the context of agency working, develop strategies, recruit members and organize for change
- d. PRA

#### **FOURTH SEMESTER**

1. Develop a plan for organization development on the basis of study conducted in the agency.
2. One mini research relevant to the setting
3. Prepare a publishable article on any of the programs of the organizations or any issue/developmental need/document best practices related to the area of intervention of the agency and make efforts to publish the same.
4. The practicum requirements are almost similar in the third and fourth semesters. Therefore, the trainees are expected to continue all those requirements of third semester in the fourth semester as well with respect to their specialization.
5. Any other work deputed by the agency supervisor in consultation with the faculty supervisor.

#### **FINAL BLOCK PLACEMENT**

1. One evidence-based intervention in their specialized field of practice
2. Organizations of one documentary/exhibition/formulation of discussion forum/seminar or any of the practice area themes/issues of the agency in relation to the trainee’s area of specialization.
3. Any other work deputed by the agency supervisor in consultation with the faculty supervisor.



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