

# Diploma in Social Sciences (Social Work)

## Course Structure

### YEAR 1 - SEMESTERS 1 & 2

#### Core modules

- HS1133 Introduction to Social Work
- HS1134 Dynamics of Interpersonal Effectiveness
- HS1097 Introduction to Sociology
- HS1096 Introduction to Psychology
- HS1135 Basic Counselling and Intervention Skills
- HS1136 Ethical Issues and Legal Provisions in the Social Service Setting
- HS1137 Contemporary Social Issues
- HS1138 Human Development over the Lifespan
- HS1139 Group Dynamics and Facilitation
- HS1140 Case Management and Report Writing
- HS1141 Working with Families
- HS1142 Working with Children and Youth

### YEAR 2 - SEMESTERS 1 & 2

#### Core modules

- HS2178 Program Planning, Organizing and Evaluation
- HS2179 Working with Older Adults
- HS2180 Working with People with Disabilities and Special Needs
- HS2181 Marketing in Social Services
- HS2182 Crisis Intervention
- HS2134 Research Methods
- HS2183 Communication and Public Education
- HS2184 Working in Healthcare Settings
- HS2185 Working in Correctional Settings
- HS2135 Statistics
- HS2186 Industry Attachment I

### YEAR 3 - SEMESTERS 1 & 2

#### Core modules

- HS3121 Final Year Project
- HS3122 Organizational Behaviour and Leadership
- HS3123 Volunteer Management
- HS3124 Industry Attachment II



also be given ample opportunities to practise and refine basic counselling and interviewing skills.

HS 1136 Ethical Issues & Legal Provisions in Social Service Setting 45 hours

This module examines the ethical issues and dilemmas faced by the profession in the practice of social work. Students will be introduced to the code of professional ethics of the Singapore Association for Social Workers. The module will also acquaint students with an understanding of major legislations related to the practice of social work in Singapore.

HS 1137 Contemporary Social Issues 60 hours

This module examines social issues and problems faced in society. Students will explore and understand the historical, economic, political and socio-cultural factors surrounding these issues and problems as well as attempts to solve or address them. Topics covered include racism, family violence, drug abuse and alcoholism.

HS 1138 Human Development over the Lifespan 45 hours

This module covers the scope of human development from birth to old age. It will examine major developmental theories from a lifespan perspective. Specifically, students will look at physical, cognitive, social, psycho-emotional and moral development from the viewpoint of a helping profession.

HS 1139 Group Dynamics and Facilitation 90 hours

This module introduces students to group processes, stages of group development and the different types of groups. Students will gain understanding of the dynamics generated in group processes and develop skills in group facilitation and intervention. Emphasis will be placed on the application of theoretical concepts to planning, conducting and evaluating group sessions.

HS 1140 Case Management and Report Writing 45 hours

This module introduces students to the fundamental principles of case management. It will examine the case management model which encompasses these stages: assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation and termination. Students will be equipped with the skills to accurately assess clients' problems



HS 2180 Working with People with Disabilities and Special Needs 45 hours

This module provides an overview of working with disabled clients with physical, developmental, cognitive, speech or sensory impairment. It discusses assessment from the strengths perspective, quality of life issues and various practice models at the individual, family and community level.

HS 2181 Marketing in Social Services 45 hours

This module enables students to acquire an understanding of the fundamental principles and concepts of marketing. Focus will be placed on the application of marketing knowledge and skills in the advertising and promotion of programmes and activities in the social service sector.

HS 2182 Crisis Intervention 45 hours

This module introduces students to the theories of crisis intervention and equips them with the principles of effective crisis responding skills. Theories and skills to intervene effectively at the individual, family, group and community level as well as principles of international recovery management will be discussed. Emphasis is on how to teach and educate the community about crisis intervention and prevention to promote good mental health.

HS2134 Research Methods 30 hours

This module introduces students to the basic concepts and principles of research methodology. It covers areas of research design related to conceptualisation, operationalisation, validation, sampling, and examines various methodologies for data collection.

HS 2183 Communication and Public Education 90 hours

This module is designed to teach communication theories and their application in public education context. Students will be given opportunities to network with community partners and display their creativity in conceptualizing public communication projects.



management, the project work also instills life skills such as initiative, independence, teamwork and interpersonal skills to prepare students adequately for entry into workforce.

HS 3122      Organizational Behaviour and Leadership                      45 hours

This module introduces students to the impact of organizations on the individual behaviour. Students will learn group behaviours, leadership theories, personality, motivation and job satisfaction, the various models of organizational structures and systems, effect of organizational culture and models of change management.

HS 3123      Volunteer Management    45 hours

This module introduces students to the importance of volunteers and the critical role volunteers play in the social service sector. Students will be taught framework and skills of effective volunteer recruitment and management. Students will be equipped with management skills and knowledge in recruiting, retaining, motivating and supervising volunteers.

HS 3124      Industry Attachment II    480 hours

Students are attached to various social service agencies for industry experience. They learn to integrate theory into practice by observing and practicing methods and skills at an individual, group or community level. They also have opportunities to work alongside other helping professionals like social workers, counselors, psychologists etc.