UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Methods and Techniques of Social Work I

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Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding
The course is aimed to develop understanding and awareness

- of the main models of social work;
- of the meaning of the three dimensional approach in social work as a practical and theoretical framework;
- of the phases of the methodological process;
- of the reflexive approach to social work;
- of the pragmatic of communication in a help relationship as well as in a collective dimension;
- of the group-work, net-work and community work.

Applying knowledge and understanding
The course is aimed to enable students to acquire skills aiming at:

- developing an aware reflexivity about social work and about the social dimensions of inequality;
- contextualizing the social work in the social services system and in the social context, while articulating social, professional and institutional mandates;
- develop professional networks, group-work and community work.

Contents

The classes will be about:

- The main theoretical and practical models of social work;
- The concept of reflexivity in social work
- Concept of three dimensional approach in social work;
- Awareness of the professional role and institutional mandate. The relationship between organisation and professional role;

- Pragmatic of communication;
- Group-work and cooperation;
- Community work and net-work.

Detailed program

The course is focused on the ‘meso’ dimension of professional intervention and put the social work in an organizational dimension.
The following topics will be discussed:

- the reflexivity in social work;
- the social worker’s role referring to the organisation where he/she works;
- the documentation of professional interventions
- the work with groups and in group with specific reference to professional network, teamwork and meeting leading;
- community work;
- the evaluation of professional interventions.

Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of:

- Social Work principles;
- methodological process of intervention;
- ethical code.

Teaching methods

Lessons, discussions and group work. The course will be complemented by social workers’ teaching interventions about specific topics.

If Covid-19 pandemic persists, the lessons will take place in an online mode with asynchronous and synchronous lessons by remote platform.

Assessment methods

Oral examination that aims at verifying:

- the knowledge and understanding of the methodological process of social work;
- the ability to apply an aware and reflexive professional action.

The test will consist in 2 open questions.

If Covid-19 pandemic persists, the exams will be carried out using the WebEx platform; on the e-learning page of the course there will be a public link for access to the examination.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Allegri E. (2015), Servizio sociale di comunità, Carocci, Roma (Capitoli 2, 4, 5).

Cellini G. e Dellavalle M., 2015, il processo d’aiuto del servizio sociale. Prospettive metodologiche, Giappichelli editore, Torino (Capitoli 1-3).

Fabbri V., 2006, Il gruppo e l’intervento sociale, Carocci, Roma.

Fargion S., 2013, Il metodo del servizio sociale. Riflessioni, casi e ricerche, Carocci, Roma.

Fazzi L., 2015, Servizio sociale riflessivo. Metodi e tecniche per gli assistenti sociali, FrancoAngeli, Milano.

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