Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University

Faculty of Health Care and Social Work

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: SPD02	**Name:** Current scientific discourse	
Cover: Department of Social Work		
Type of educational activity: Lecture, Seminar **Scope of educational activity (in hours):** **Weekly:** 1/1 **For term of study:** ZS 23,23 **Method of educational activity:**	**Number of credits:** 15	**Recommended semester:** WT **Study grade:** 3.

Recommended semester	Study programme
1.year WT	Social Work (D3-SP-22) Social Work (E3-SP-22)

Underlie subjects:

Conditions for passing the course:
Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination

Continuous evaluation:
Final evaluation: Elaboration of assigned tasks in person and via Moodle or Ms Teams makes up 50 percent of the evaluation, to which the result of the written / oral exam is added by the same percentage, while the assigned tasks and the written / oral exam must be evaluated at least to classification level E. At least 95 points must be obtained to obtain an A rating, at least 89 points must be obtained to obtain a B rating, at least 83 points must be obtained to obtain a C rating, at least 77 points must be obtained to obtain a D rating, at least 71 points must be to obtain an E rating.
Finished: exam

Learning outcomes:
This subject will contribute to systematic knowledge in the field of social work so that the student is prepared to actively respond to current scientific research challenges regarding evidence-based theory and practice in national and international contexts, reflecting interdisciplinary overlaps. Through this course, its expertise will be significantly increased in terms of the application of theories of social work not only for the scientific and professional community, but also in terms of communication with the public.

After completing this course, the student should be able to:
- identify the contribution of selected personalities to the development of social work theory,
- reflect the current theoretical discourse in social work and scientifically analyze individual theories,
- to develop the ability to think critically when evaluating scientific outputs
- to carry out an adequate analysis of the procedures applied in the research in the relevant field of scientific knowledge,
- to evaluate and create its own scientific text and research project with the inclusion of ethical standards

Po absolvovaní tohto predmetu by mal študent byť schopný:
- identifikovať prínos vybraných osobností pre rozvoj teórie sociálnej práce,
- reflektovať súčasný teoretický diskurz v sociálnej práci a vedecky analyzovať jednotlivé teórie,
- rozvinúť schopnosť kriticky myslieť pri hodnotení vedeckých výstupov
- zrealizovať adekvátnu analýzu postupov uplatňovaných pri výskume v príslušnej oblasti vedeckého poznania, zhodnotiť a vytvoriť vlastný vedecký text i výskumný projekt so zahrnutím etických noriem

Schedule of subject:
Social work in the historical context and the contribution of selected personalities to the development of the theory of social work. Analysis of current theoretical discourse in social work, comparison of the most important theories of social work and justification of the relevant theory for professional intervention.
Evidence-Based Social Work - interpretation of data and methods of obtaining them, critical evaluation of lit. sources, types of scientific publications and their creation. Interdisciplinary cooperation in social work.
Importance and creation of scientific research projects for the development of social work, presentation of research findings, partnership and international cooperation.
Philosophical-ethical discourse in social work in terms of science and research, ethical dilemmas - theoretical background and practical solutions.
Na dôkazoch založená sociálna práca (Evidence-Based Social Work) – interpretácia dát a metódy ich získavania, kritické hodnotenie lit. zdrojov, typy vedeckých publikácií a ich tvorba. Interdisciplinárna spolupráca v sociálnej práci.

Význam a tvorba vedeckých výskumných projektov pre rozvoj sociálnej práce, prezentovanie výskumných zistení, partnerstvo a medzinárodná spolupráca.

Filozoficko-etický diskurz v sociálnej práci z hľadiska vedy a výskumu, etické dilemy - teoretické východiská a praktické riešenia.

Recommended reading:
DOMINELLI, L. 2004 Social work: Theory and practice for a changing profession. Cambridge, England: Polity Press.
FAY, B 2002 Současná filozofie sociálních věd. Multikulturní přístup. Praha: SLON.
HOLLSTEIN-BRINKMAN, H. 2001. Sociálna práca a systémové teorie. Trnava: FZSP TU
PAYNE,M. 1997. Modern Social Work Theory. New York, Palgrave
SCHRIVER, J.2010 Human behavior and social enviroment: Shifting paradigms in esential knowledge for social work practice. 5th ed. Upper Saddle River: NJ: Pearson Education
THIERSCH, H. 2005. Lebensweltorientierte Soziale Arbeit. Aufgaben der Praxis im sozialen Wandel. 6. Aufl. Weinheim, München: Juventa
THOMPSON, N. 2000. Understanding Social Work. Preparing for Praktice.New York:Palgrave.

Language requirements: Slovak, English

Notes:

Course evaluation:
Assessed students in total: 2

A	B	C	D	E	FX
100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Lecturers:
doc. PhDr. Miriam Slaná, PhD., univ. prof., lecturer, examiner, instructor, seminary supervisor
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prof. PhDr. Eva Mydlíková, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor, seminary supervisor

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