SW 454 Social Work Profession

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Course objectives:
- To develop an understanding of how professional Social Work evolved historically.
- To develop a perspective on the relevance of social work values, ethics and principles
- To understand social work in different settings across sectors.

Learning outcome:
- Learn about the evolution of Professional social work in India and abroad.
- Learn about the emergence of Social Work Education and its significance.
- Understand and internalise the social work values, ethics and principles and apply the same as a professional social worker.
- Understand the role of a social workers in different sectors and settings**.**

COURSE CONTENT

Unit I: Historical Development of Social Work

- Development of Social Work in the UK and USA
- Emergence of social work in India- Social Service , Social Welfare, Social Reform, Reconstruction, Social Advocacy
- Religious charity, philanthropy
- The role of social and political leaders- Mahatma Gandhi, Vinova Bhabe, Jay Prakash Narayan, Reform Movements
- Social Work education in India and North East ; Professional Social Work : concept, goals and functions; its relationship with Voluntary action, Social services, Social reform, Social movement, Social welfare, Social development, and Human rights

Unit II: Theoretical Perspectives for Social Work Practice

- Therapeutic approach, Systems and Ecological perspectives
- Radical, Marxist approaches and Emancipatory social work
- Evidence based social work practice
- Integrated approach to social work practice and Rights based social work practice
- Emerging perspectives and trends of social work practice

Unit III: Social Work as a Profession

- <mark>Value base of social work profession; Principles of social work and their application in diverse socio-cultural settings</mark>

- Competencies for social work practice
- Code of ethics for social workers
- Professional Associations
- Changing context for practice and emerging areas

Text Books:

Dominelli, L. (2004). Social Work: Theory and Practice for a Changing Profession. Cambridge: Polity Press.

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Additional readings:

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Payne, M. (2005). Modern Social Work Theory. New York: Palgrave/ MacMillan.

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