

• **Social Work:An Introduction to the Profession** 1st Edition |
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Course Outline

Week One - Introduction to Generalist Social Work Practice

Readings: Chapter 1 "Foundations of Social Work and Social Welfare"

Week Two - The History and Current Practice of Social Work and Social Welfare

Readings: Chapter 2 "Social Work and Social Welfare"

Week Three - Social Work Interventions

Readings: Chapter 3 "Modes of Intervention"

Week Four - Social Work and Justice

Readings: Chapter 4 "Social Justice and Civil Rights"

Week Five - Social Work with Diverse Populations

Readings: Chapter 5 "Social Work Practice in a Diverse Society"

Week Six - Practice with Children and Families

Readings: Chapter 6 "Social Work Practice with Children and Families"

Week Seven - Working with Older People

Readings: Chapter 7 "Social Work Practice with People who are Older"

Week Eight - Practice in Health Care Settings

Readings: Chapter 8 "Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings"

Week Nine - Social Work with People with Mental Illness

Readings: Chapter 9 "Mental Health Services"

Week Ten - Social Work in the Schools

Readings: Chapter 10 "School Social Work"

Week Eleven - Social Work within the Justice System

Readings: Chapter 11 "Social Work in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Settings"

Week Twelve - Occupational Social Work

Readings: Chapter 12 "Social Work in the Workplace"

Week Thirteen - Poverty

Readings: Chapter 13 "Poverty and Economic Disparity"

Week Fourteen - Substance Abuse
Readings: Chapter 14 "Substance Abuse"

Week Fifteen - Technology
Readings: Chapter 15 "Technology and Social Work"

Possible Course Assignments:

Values Paper

Write a 5-page paper in which you explore your own personal value system, and how it fits with social work values and ethics. Address the following:

- What are your core values?
- Where/how did you learn these values?
- In what areas do your values agree with social work values?
- In what areas do your values diverge from social work values?

How might any areas of difference between your values and social work values affect your ability to practice social work?