

Guidelines on Recognition of Social Work Qualifications

1. Course Duration Offered

The course duration offered for a first degree programme in Social Work for full-time students should not be less than 36 months. Students must not complete the course in less than 50% of this duration.

2. Core Curriculum

The core curriculum should cover the following areas:

- a. Social Work Theories, Practice and Research;
- b. Social Work Values & Ethics;
- c. Social Welfare Systems & Social Policies; and
- d. Human Behaviour

3. Field Placement Duration

The course should consist of at least 800 hours of field practice.

If the course is a Graduate Diploma in Social Work from the National University of Singapore or the Singapore University of Social Sciences, it should consist of at least 400 hours of field practice.

4. Field Placement Structure

Each field placement must consist of the following components:

- a. At least 5 Field Placement Seminars;
- b. At least 1 Mid-placement Visit; and
- c. At least 1 supervision session per week on an individual or group basis.

5. Qualifications of Field Supervisors

Field Supervisors must have the following qualifications:

- a. At least a Bachelor degree or Graduate Diploma in Social Work; and
- b. At least 4 years of full-time direct practice experience.

6. Teaching Mode

To demonstrate learning and application, there should be a variety of methods of teaching as follows:

- a. Face-to-face lectures and tutorials;
- b. Skills Laboratory
- c. Study Guides that may be distributed to students online or in hard copies;
- d. Online board discussions; and
- e. Submission of assignments online or in hard copies.

7. Student Admission Criteria

Students admitted to the degree programme must have attained at least GCE 'A' Level or a Diploma or the equivalent.

8. Student Evaluation Procedures

Students must be evaluated through the following procedures:

- a. Continuous assessments via at least 2 assignments for each module; and
- b. One end of the year examination for each module.

9. Recognition by Accrediting or Licensing Body

If the degree programme is awarded by an institution of higher learning in a foreign country, the programme must be recognised by a reputable accrediting and/or licensing body for the social work profession in the country.