

**NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
FIELD WORK IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION**

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Introduction & Background

Social Work is a practice based profession. The curriculum of Social Work Education includes theory courses and practical training. The practical training in Social Work Education is called field work. It is an integral part of the social work curriculum. Field work training is supervised practice of social work under the guidance of trained social work educator and field personnel with the objective of developing among students the ability to integrate theoretical learning with practical experiences so as to enable them to develop core skills of social work practice and to facilitate the development of thinking, feeling, attitudes and ethics relevant to professional practice

The last decade has seen a dramatic rise in new colleges, mostly of private universities offering post graduate courses in Social Work, new departments in the newly established Central Universities and social work courses offered through distance mode. In each of the institute offering social work course, field work remains an integral part of the course curriculum. However looking into the diversity in institutions offering social work course in India, there is a concern regarding the quality of courses and their structure etc. Since most of the new schools are coming up in far flung areas their exposure to field work practicum and its pedagogical practices is limited. Also being part of private colleges and universities, there is little investment in the instructional mechanism related to field work.

Recently, the Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia organised a National workshop on **Subject framework & knowledge management in social work** on January 31, February 1-2, 2013. During the workshop efforts were made to examine the subject framework for the discipline of social work with identification of the minimum requirements for the degree of M A in social work and to workout pedagogical best practices for various components like knowledge for social work, knowledge and skills of social work and field practicum requirements. The workshop was attended by Faculty members from different schools of Social Work like Karve Institute of Social Work, Pune, Department of Social Work, Delhi University, Department of Social Work, Gautam Buddha University, UP, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwa Vidyalaya, Sonapat, Aditi Mahavidhalaya and Ambedkar College, Delhi University, Department of Social Work, Lucknow University and Amity University. The work groups formed during the workshop examined the course content and indicative pedagogical practices for transacting the themes covered in different core courses of Social Work. These work groups prepared templates for the teaching of various methods

of social work which focus on the standard curriculum of methods of social work and have worked out the best ways to transact the various themes under the same.

It therefore becomes necessary that a certain basic minimum non-negotiables of field work practicum are identified and schools of social work need to adhere to these. One of the options to this is the organization of workshop on field work practicum that would facilitate in understanding the field work structure, activities etc followed in the new schools and sharing of experiences of the older schools.

Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia has consistently upgraded not only its curriculum but also field work practicum to make it more responsive to the social challenges in India. After having being recognized by the UGC in 2010 as a Centre for Advanced Study in Social Work, the Department has taken innovative steps towards teaching and instructional programme as well as innovative field action projects. It is in this context that Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia would hold a workshop on Field Work in Social Work Education during March 20-21, 2014. The main objectives of the proposed workshop are to:

1. Examine the field work framework for the discipline of Social Work with identification of the minimum requirements for the degree of M A in Social Work;
2. Identifying and setting field work objectives for each of the semester in M A in social work
3. Identify and specify the components for field work for M A in Social Work;
4. Identify skills for Social Work Practice; and
5. Develop mechanisms for management and sharing of field related developments amongst schools of Social Work;

Workshop Themes:

Experienced Social Work educators would provide insight into the issues related to field work and facilitate the workshop. The workshop intends to provide platform to the teachers to share their experiences and enhance their competencies of in this area, through group exercises and brainstorming sessions. The themes to be covered during the workshop would revolve around the following:

1. Field work structure for M A in social work;
2. Field work Components;
3. Skills for Social Work Practice
4. Evaluation in Field Work

Invitation: Since your institution has been engaged in the field of Social Work Education for a considerable period and has made a significant contribution in the same, you are requested to kindly send nominations of Maximum two senior faculty members who have been actively engaged with field work for the workshop by February 17, 2012. As the numbers of seats are limited, [**Only 20**], TA would be paid only to the confirmed participants. The boarding and lodging facility would be provided by the Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia. Please confirm your participation to us at: asiyanasreen@gmail.com or at the following:

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