

61124 - Social work and social policy

Syllabus Information

Academic year: 2023/24

Subject: 61124 - Social work and social policy

Faculty / School: 127 - Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud

Degree: 374 - Master's in Social Gerontology

ECTS: 7.0

Year: 1

Semester: Annual

Subject type: Compulsory

Module:

1. General information

The subject Social Work and Social Policy in the Master's in Social Gerontology involves two areas of knowledge working in an interdisciplinary approach, the area of Sociology with 2 credits and the area of Social Work and Social Services with 5 credits.

The general objective of the Sociology area in this subject is that students understand the close relationship between social changes related to ageing, old age and social policies. Specifically, students will learn to locate, select and contrast data sources in the field of health and dependence and will be able to obtain and explore information appropriately. They will also learn to develop skills and competences that enable them to assess and intervene professionally from a critical perspective.

The area of Social Work and Social Services develops the acquisition of relevant knowledge of the legislation on social protection of the elderly and the ability to apply social programmes specifically designed for them, the benefits and services of the Spanish social protection system, as well as the different care European models. It also provides knowledge of the professional role of the social worker, in order to promote better interdisciplinary work in the gerontological field.

The objectives of this subject are linked to the United Nations 2030 Agenda, specifically SDG 3: Health and Well-being, SDG 5: Gender Equality, SDG 10: Reducing Inequalities, SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and SDG 17: Partnerships to Achieve Goals.

2. Learning results

The ability to apply new aspects of social work and social services to the elderly means improving the quality of life of both the elderly and the people around them. This requires having an overview of current policies, allowing for criticism and possible improvement.

The student, in order to pass this subject, will have to demonstrate the following results....

From a sociological perspective:

The student understands the close relationship between social changes related to ageing, old age and social policies.

Students are able to locate, select and contrast data sources in the field of health and dependence and be able to obtain and explore information appropriately.

To learn to develop skills and competences that enable them to assess and intervene professionally from a critical perspective.

From the perspective of social work and social services:

Acquire relevant knowledge and ability to apply the new aspects of Social Services in the elderly.

Acquire relevant knowledge of the legislation on social protection of the elderly and ability to apply the programmes for the elderly, the benefits and services of the Spanish social protection system.

To identify, analyse and discuss the professional role of the social worker in the gerontological field.

To enable students to analyse care systems and problems of care distribution in Europe.

3. Syllabus

Sociology Area Programme

Theme 1: Demographic ageing

Demographic ageing: the foundations of ageing, Demographic transition/epidemiological transition.

Consequences of ageing: Over-ageing, Feminisation, Health and vulnerability.

Theme 2: Old age and ageing

Age and cohort

Diversity and heterogeneity in old age

Social change and ageing

Theme 3: Dependency and health

Dependency as a new social risk in the European context

Conceptual delimitation and field of intervention

Identification of dependency. Types, measurement and assessment

Sources of data

Social Work area programme

Topic 4. Fundamentals of social work and social policy.

Welfare state and social policies in old age.

Public system of Social Services, Law of autonomy and dependence.

Topic 5. Contexts of intervention from Social Work.

Spheres and levels of social work intervention.

Social work and social services in the elderly.

Topic 6 Keys and Coordination and social-health care.

Instruments of the health Social Work and their application.

Assessment, scales, report and intervention for the elderly.

4. Academic activities

Theoretical Master class: Lectures and explanatory sessions on content. Always accompanied by discussion sessions.

Individual work: Search for information on specific topics of study, study of content related to the theoretical classes, preparation of seminars, analysis of previously identified data.

Group work: This includes the collaborative preparation of materials, promoting interdisciplinarity.

Seminars: Problem-based learning and case resolution.

Oral presentations: to present analysis and critique of previously selected readings or cases.

5. Assessment system

Attendance at 80% of the classes is compulsory. The minimum pass mark is 5.0. The overall grade for the module of social work and social policy in the elderly is the sum obtained in each of the participating areas (the area of Social Work and Social Services with 70%; and the area of sociology with 30%.

Area of Social Work and Social Services

1.- Analysis work, resolution of cases in individual and/or group format (40%).

2.- Written test (30%) consisting of short questions and/or multiple choice questions.

Area of Sociology

1.- Analysis work, resolution of cases in individual and/or group format (10%).

2.- Written test (20%) consisting of short questions and/or multiple-choice questions.

Those who opt for the global assessment of the subject must take an exam consisting of short questions and/or a questionnaire of multiple choice questions (70%) and present a written work that will be defended publicly (30%). This will take place on the date set for this purpose.