Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS532				
Subject Title	Adolescence and Mental Health				
Credit Value	3				
Level	5				
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil				
Assessment Methods	100% Continuous Assessment 1. Attendance and Participation	Individual Assessment	Group Assessment		
	2. Seminar Presentation	0%	30 %		
	3. Term Paper	60 %	0 %		
Objectives	 The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and Students must pass the specific component(s) (standard of passing) if he/she is to pass the subject. This subject embraces a psycho-social approach and developmental perspective in understanding the mental health development of children and adolescents in the current Hong Kong context. Students are also able to build up knowledge and skills in working effectively with the target service groups particularly in Hong Kong context. 				
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. Articulate and comment on i) adolescents' mental health problems in relation to their development, needs and psychosocial contexts in Hong Kong; ii) various types of mental health service in working with adolescents with mental health problems in Hong Kong and its strengths and limitation. b. Gain knowledge of concepts and theories related to the development of adolescents' mental health problems. c. Examine interventions, roles and values dilemma of human professionals, in dealing with adolescents' mental health issues d. Identify issues and controversies involved in adolescent development that lead to mental health problems both in international and in the local context.				

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

- 1. A conceptual review of adolescent mental health and development: Implications on intervention and services
- 2. Adolescents' self-identity, mental health and mental problem: Conceptualization and articulation, implications on intervention and services
- 3. Adolescents' resilience and coping to hardships, sufferings, traumas and abuse in life
- 4. Mental health services and children and youth services for adolescents with mental health problems: Issues, controversies and dilemmas
- 5. Adolescents' mental health problems: Understanding, interpretation and intervention:
 - a. Adolescent mood problems
 - b. First onset schizophrenia
 - c. Anxiety disorders
 - d. Neurodevelopmental disorders
 - e. Trauma-related disorders
- 6. Roles and dynamics of human professionals in working with adolescents with mental health problems: A critical reflection

Teaching/Learning Methodology

Students are expected to be active learners in the class. They will be provided with the essential perspectives to look at the developmental tasks of children and adolescents in Hong Kong, and the analysis and solutions to adolescents' problems and mental health issues in both primary and secondary schools. Built into the lectures are case discussion to enable students' participation and contribution. With the benefits of the knowledge gained in the subject, students are also required to choose a topic within the boundary of the subject and make a presentation of it in the seminar. Hence, students' participation in both lectures and seminars, and efforts paid will be an integral part of the teaching and learning strategy.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)			
		a	b	c	d
1. Attendance and Participation	10%	√	√	√	√
2. Seminar Presentation	30%	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
3. Term Paper	60%	√	√	√	√
Total	100 %				

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

Assessment will be based on seminar presentation of topics chosen by the students and their participation in case discussion. Students will be required to submit a term paper to critically examine a topic on mental health issues of adolescents in Hong Kong.

Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	 Lectures 	27 Hrs.
	■ Seminars	12 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	■ Reading	52 Hrs.
	Group discussion outside class	24 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	115 Hrs.

Reading List and References

Essential

- Ferrer-Wreder, L., & Kroger, J. (2020). *Identity in adolescence: The balance between self and other*. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge.
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Supplementary

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