

Subject Code	RS3S01
Subject Title	Serving People with Special Healthcare Needs in the Chinese Mainland
Hosting Dept	Department of Rehabilitation Sciences
Level	3
Class Quota	50
Medium of Instruction	English  As the service clients are Putonghua-speaking people, students who can communicate in Putonghua will have an advantage.
Subject Duration	Semester 2 + Summer Term
Teaching Staff	Dr Grace Szeto, Dr Tamis Pin
Target Students	GUR, open to year 2 or above students from FHSS
Pre-requisites	Nil
Selection of Students Required?	No
Subject Synopsis	<p>This subject aims to enhance the awareness of students about the healthcare needs of people in the Chinese mainland. The target group to be served is the <b>children with physical disabilities</b> living in children's welfare homes in the Chinese mainland. Students will learn to work together as an inter-disciplinary team, and develop projects that will meet the specific needs of the target groups. There will be lectures and tutorial sessions in Weeks 1-5 in Semester 2, in order to prepare the students to understand the needs of people with disabilities in china, and to arrange the grouping of students and their service sites. There will be practical sessions on how to carry out <b>assessment of disabled children and how to conduct play therapy and health education</b> with them. The actual field trip will take place in the summer. It will be arranged so that these trips will not clash with students' clinical placements.</p> <p>This subject will provide a most valuable opportunity for students from different healthcare disciplines to learn about their different roles in the healthcare team, and also learn to collaborate with each other. They will have the opportunity to make use of the professional knowledge and skills that they have learned from their own disciplines, and apply these to the development and implementation of the service project. The services to be provided must be matched to the needs of the host organization and it must be designed in such a way that sustainable benefits can be demonstrated.</p>

Service Project	
What will students do to serve?	Students will be allocated into inter-professional teams of 4-6 students. They will be allocated to serve the disabled children that live in the children welfare homes or foster care homes in various cities, e.g. in Qinghai, Mongolia, Guangxi, Hubei, etc. The field visit for each team will last about 2 weeks. Students have to perform some assessment of the children, and to plan some games and physical activities for them. Each team will be guided by a mentor in this process. Funding support will be provided to cover airfare and accommodation up to 80% of all expenses.
Whom will students serve?	Children with various disabilities
Where will students serve?	In remote regions of mainland china, e.g.in Xinjiang, Qinghai and Sichuan provinces
When will students serve?	Project to be done in summer term
Fee payable by students	TBC
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Remarks: The information given above is subject to change.