

Strengthening Ethical Reasoning in Social Work Practice

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About the Course

The practice of social work involves ethical decision making. When dealing with an ethical conflict, social workers must determine which ethical principles take precedence, as well as consider client's values, institutional policies and legislations. The profession's Code of Ethics provides guidance in various situations but is not designed for complex ethical situations. Instead, social workers must rely on ethical reasoning.

This didactic and interactive course emphasizes ethical reasoning as a cornerstone in social work ethical decision-making. It aims to equip social workers with foundational ethical theories and decision-making frameworks to guide them in ethical reasoning and decision-making.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Describe key elements in ethical decision-making.
2. Explain ethical principles and values.
3. Determine the ethical principles that apply in an ethical conflict.
4. Apply ethical theories and frameworks in ethical decision-making.

Who Should Attend

This course is designed for professionals in the social service sector.

About the Trainer

Dr Crystal Lim is the Clinical Lead of Medical Social Services, Singapore General Hospital (SGH), Transplant Ethics Lead of SingHealth-Duke NUS Transplant Centre, a member of SGH Bioethics Committee and National University Hospital System (NUHS) Clinical Ethics Committee. She attained her Ph.D. Social Work and M.A. Bioethics from the University of Pittsburgh, and her Master of Social Work from the University of Washington. Her clinical experience includes transplant social work, grief, loss and bereavement support, nephrology social work and family violence intervention.

Dr Lim is committed to enhancing ethics competency in social work and healthcare professionals because she believes it enhances care delivery and safety. An engaging trainer, Dr Lim has extensive experience in developing and teaching undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programmes in social work.

She is actively involved in training medical students, social work students and healthcare professionals in clinical ethics and patient communication. Dr Lim has received several awards in recognition of her clinical excellence and commitment.



Dr Crystal Lim
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Course Fees

Fee Description	Amount Payable (incl. GST)
Full course fees	\$2728.50
Pricing after SSG Funding* (Singapore Citizen below 40 years / Singapore Permanent Resident)	\$818.55
Pricing after SSG Funding* (Singapore Citizen aged 40 years and above)	\$308.55

CPE Credits

Course participants are eligible for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits with the Singapore Association of Social Workers (SASW). One CPE credit will be awarded for each contact hour. Approval of CPE credits are to be submitted through the CPE Log Book under each accredited professional's account.

Terms and Conditions

1. Classes will be formed only when a minimum class size is being met. Organiser reserves the right to cancel or postpone any programme at short notice, or may change the modality of the class and at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason for such cancellations or postponements. Refund will be made if payment has been received.
2. There will be no makeup lesson if participants miss any class.
3. No withdrawal is allowed once the participant is being offered into the programme. Participants can either find a replacement to take his/her place or pay a penalty of 30% of the full course fees incl. GST.
4. Photographs and/or videos may be taken during our programmes for audit purposes.