

Multicultural Sensitivity In Corrections

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Date: 25 and 26 January 2024

Time: 9am - 5.30pm

Venue: NUS

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ABOUT THE COURSE

Cross cultural barriers can impede the development of an effective helping relationship. An absence of sensitivity to cultural diversity and differences can contribute to how services are prematurely terminated by service users in the corrections setting, or it can lead to a helping relationship that is mainly organized by service users' obligations to the system. Service users also may not fully engage with the support that is rendered to them. Such challenges are typically influenced by how rapport is built, how the needs of service users are met, how the appreciation of service users' perspectives of their own situations is demonstrated, how genuine concern is communicated such that service users fully receive them, and how service users are empowered in their relationships with workers. This workshop will explore what multicultural sensitivity entails and the processes involved in developing such competency. Participants will heighten awareness, and acquire skills and knowledge necessary to enhance multicultural practice, with a focus on corrections-specific scenarios.

This workshop is intended to be interactive, experiential and reflective. Learning will be derived from experiential exercises, case discussions, personal and group-level reflections, role-plays, demonstrations, stories as well as some short lecture vignettes.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Better examine their relationship with their own cultural heritage, and how this may contribute to unconscious biases and stereotypes, as well as their effects on helping relationships;
2. Navigate personal level and structural level constructs to acknowledge diversity, respect differences, as well as recognize injustice and power dynamics; and
3. Better appreciate how service users construct their worldviews, build on their intentions, and respect and support their purposes. Narrative Practice ideas will be introduced.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is targeted at correctional officers, counsellors, social workers and psychologists.

REGISTRATION

Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/swkcpereg>

User Guides

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ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Anson Yoo, RegClinSup

Since 2003, Anson has assumed pastoral, clinical and leadership roles with community agencies serving desistors and persons recovering from addictions. He has headed the first halfway house running a non-faithbased programme for the moderate to high-risk group, and has developed numerous inmate/family programmes, some still currently used in the institutions.

Additionally, he runs addiction recovery support groups in the community, and provides psychotherapy and counselling services for individuals, couples and families. A notable part of his current long-term work is with men desisting from sexual offences.

Anson is committed to an attachment-focused, collaborative, systemic, trauma-informed, social justice oriented and culturally sensitive approach. Method-wise, he flexibly adopts practices from narrative, systemic, emotion-focused, cognitive-behavioural, structural dissociation, adaptive information processing and Polyvagal traditions. Trained in working with trauma and dissociation, he is also an EMDR Certified Therapist (EMDRIA) and a Certified Brainspotting Therapist. Anson believes that healing and growth only happen in relationships where persons are embraced without judgment regardless of their life experiences, and when they are supported to recall, tolerate and retell their memories.

Course Outline

Date	Topic
25 January 2024 (Thur)	Multicultural competence in corrections
	Ethical multicultural practice
	Multicultural consciousness
	Critical themes in multicultural sensitivity
	Cultural genogram
26 January 2024 (Fri)	Cultural genogram and the rojak bowl - the synthesis
	Reflexivity in corrections work
	Experiencing Narrative ideas supporting multicultural competence in corrections
	Assessment

Course Fees

	Full Fees (without SSG subsidies)	For Singapore Citizen 39 years old or younger	For Singapore Citizen 40 years or older eligible for MCES	For Singaporean PRs
Full programme fees (excl GST)	\$1700	\$1700	\$1700	\$1700
Total Nett Programme Fee, Incl. GST, after additional funding from the various funding schemes	\$1853	\$555.90	\$215.90	\$555.90

*More information about SSG training grant

Applicants must meet a minimum attendance of 75%, complete and submit assignment(s) for every short executive course, achieve a "Pass" or "Competent" grade in assessment, and complete and submit feedback form in order to qualify for the training grant. Failing which, full course fees (incl. GST) will be payable.

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 programme for audit purposes.