

HSW2211 – Youth Work Practice

Assignment 2

Essay – The Role of Youth Work

Weighting: 50%

Word Limit: 2000 words

Summary: Write an essay that covers the topics listed below. Address the individual subjects according to the specific marking criteria by using relevant youth work practice literature to support your responses. Source material can include books, journal articles, reports, documents containing policies and/or strategies, as well as Codes of Practice/Ethics pertaining to youth work practice. The references listed at the end of each Module presentation can be used as a literature guide.

Main topics to be addressed:

1. Brief introduction outlining your essay.
2. Explain **ONE** core value and **ONE** key principle underlying Youth Work Practice.
3. Identify **THREE** relevant Youth Work practice skills and explain why they are important.
4. Explore and discuss the difference between Youth Work, Case Management and Counselling.
5. Discuss the importance of Youth Work in the context of multi-disciplinary services for young people. Consider the intersection of relevant youth services and programs.
6. Discuss **ONE** major risk young people are facing today.
7. Analyse the role of the youth worker (as discussed above, i.e. values, principles and importance) in working with young people experiencing **ONE** of the chosen risks.
8. Conclusion – Review key points and provide one sentence that sums up Youth Work Practice.

Please follow the sequence of the specific marking criteria and use them as sub-headings.

Structure:

- This essay must clearly demonstrate your academic writing skills, including the correct use of references following APA format.
- The main topics and the specific marking criteria provide the basic framework for the assignment. The specific marking criteria should be used as **sequential headings** to clearly identify the responses to the individual tasks.
- The word limit has a **maximum of 2000 words**.

- Heading, In-text citations, Appendices, diagrams, direct quotes, title page, figures, reference list, and tables **are not** included in the word count.
- Formatting of your assignment must follow the instructions in *How to Do Assignments* on StudyDesk.

Marking Scheme

Marks for this assignment: 40 marks relate to the specific criteria and 10 marks relate to the general criteria.

Important: Follow the specific marking criteria by using numbered headings and address all topics as required. Maintain a clear and balanced focus on youth work theory and practice.

Specific Marking Criteria		Notes	Mark (%)
1	Introduction	Introduction outlining your essay.	/2.5
2	Youth Work Values and Principles	Explanation of ONE core value and ONE key principle underlying Youth Work Practice.	/5
3	Youth Work Practice Skills	Identification of THREE relevant Youth Work practice skills and explain why they are important.	/5
4	Youth Work Perspective	Exploration and discussion of the difference between Youth Work, Case Management and Counselling.	/5
5	Youth Work Importance	Discussion on the importance of Youth Work in the context of multi-disciplinary services for young people. Consider the intersection of relevant youth services and programs.	/5
6	Youth Work and Risk	Discussion on ONE major risk young people are facing today	/5
7	Youth Work Analysis	Critical Discussion on the role of the youth worker (as discussed above, i.e. values, principles and importance) in working with young people experiencing ONE of the chosen risks.	/10
8	Conclusion	The conclusion should draw together the main points discussed in the essay.	/2.5

General Marking Criteria	Notes	Mark (%)
Approach to written content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which your responses correctly address the individual marking criteria. • The extent to which your assignment is a balanced and evidence-based account. • The extent to which the text reflects independent research of relevant source material. 	/2
Rigour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which you have researched the subject. • The extent to which you have reviewed the relevant literature on the subject. • The extent to which you have cited relevant sources. • Word count achieved 	/2
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which your writing is fluent and free of grammatical and spelling errors. • Emphasis is placed on clarity of expression and argumentation. 	/2
Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which you have ordered your views. Your points should be well integrated, coherent, and sequential. • Use of headings and sub-headings is essential. • A brief introduction and conclusion are required. Please use the attainable marks as guidance for each task. 	/2
Referencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extent to which you have accurately referenced all sources in accordance with the APA referencing system. • All listed references must be cited at least once. • All cited sources must be included in the reference list. 	/2
TOTAL		/50