

SOCIAL

Auxiliary Worker

Course Overview

The purpose of this qualification is to prepare a learner to operate as a Social Auxiliary Worker. This occupation assists in the provisioning of social services and support to individuals, families, groups and communities with regards to a full range of social services and related social welfare matters. These services include but are not limited to services and support relating to: Emotional trauma (Life Skills development/Emotional Stress); Financial stress; Recreational needs; Social needs and matters relating to housing. (Developmental approach)

This qualification is made up of the following compulsory Knowledge and Practical Skill Modules:

Knowledge Modules

1. Social Auxiliary Work and Social Welfare Services In The South African Context, at NQF Level 5, 28 Credits.
2. Social work – Methods and principles, at NQF Level 5, 9 Credits.
3. Communication and Life Skills in Social Auxiliary Work, at NQF Level 5, 13 Credits.

Total number of credits for Knowledge Modules: 50.

Practical Skill Modules

1. Render basic counselling and support. Support the counselling processes, at NQF Level 5, 7 Credits.
2. Support the processes to intervene with individuals and families, at NQF Level 5, 4 Credits.
3. Facilitate educational, life skills and support group programs, at NQF Level 5, 7 Credits.
4. Assist in implementation of community development process, at NQF Level 5, 8 Credits.
5. Assist with obtaining and keeping data that inform social services intervention strategies, at NQF Level 47 Credits.

Total number of credits for Practical Skill Modules: 33.

This qualification also requires the following:

Work Experience Modules

1. Exposure to the client counselling and referral processes, at NQF Level 5, 10 Credits.
2. Exposure to the facilitation of non-therapeutic group processes, at NQF Level 5, 14 Credits.
3. Exposure to community development processes, at NQF Level 5, 12 Credits.
4. Exposure to the social work administration processes, at NQF Level 4, 10 Credits.

Total number of credits for Work Experience Modules: 46.

What is Social Auxiliary Worker?

A social auxiliary worker works under the guidance and control of the social worker and as a supporting service to a social worker to achieve the aims of social work". This implies that

social auxiliary workers are assistants to social workers, providing support services and working under the supervision of social workers. Social auxiliary work complements and supports social work in all focus areas with services to individuals, families, groups and communities.

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- Emotional trauma (Life Skills development)
- Emotional Stress
- Financial stress
- Recreational needs
- Social needs and matters relating to housing. (Developmental approach)

A qualified learner will be able to:

- Provide basic counselling and support services to individuals and families with socio-economic challenges
- Facilitate non-therapeutic (educational and support groups) groups towards the accomplishments of the developmental goals of the group
- Facilitate participatory development in communities to address their common socio-economic needs and to promote social justice
- Collect and collate data to inform social services intervention

Admission Requirements

- Grade 12 certificate (NQF 4) or equivalent

Documents Required

- Grade 12 certificate (NQF 4) or equivalent
- Certified Matric certificate
- Certified Statement of results
- Certified ID copy
- Proof of address
- Proof of payment
- Completed application forms

What are your opportunities after obtaining this Qualification?

1. Find employment.

- Major employer is Department of Health (Clinics, rehabilitation centres, testing and counselling centres) through its implementation of Primary Health Care Re-engineering under NHI.
- Social auxiliary workers can work at any welfare organisation, non-profit organisation, trust, company and state department where social workers are employed.

2. Enroll for higher level qualifications such as:

- Degree in Social Worker

Your Learning Path

Higher Certificate

Social Auxiliary L5

Registration Intake

January and July

Language

English,

Certification

Learners who have passed National Examination will be awarded Occupational Certificate: Social Auxiliary Worker by Quality Council for Trades & Occupations.

Course Duration

12 - 18 months with Theory, Practical and Workplace training components

Examination

Learners write national exams upon completion of the course, Exams are written in March and October / November every year.