

THEORETICAL BASES OF SOCIAL WORK

INTRODUCTION

This subject is essentially focused on the study of the history of social work and its theoretical bases. Knowledge of the origin of social work and of its development according to particular theories and within various historical/social contexts will allow students to understand how contemporary social work has been shaped. The subject features analysis of the origin of social work, the social conditions that encouraged its appearance, its evolution as a profession and a discipline, and the theories that have had the greatest influence on its development. The epistemology of social work is also considered through the study of the evolution of its concept, object and nature, from the development of its methods and levels of intervention to current trends.

COMPETENCIES

- Understand the nature of social work as a discipline and profession and its relationships with the various social sciences.
- Know the historical development of social work.
- Understand and analyse the social/economic/political/cultural contexts within which social work evolved and the ideas, values and principles that have influenced its evolution and development through history.
- Be able to recognize the different theoretical approaches constituting social work as a discipline and their influence on the scientific construction of the concept and object.
- Understand the historical evolution of the main interaction methods used in cases, groups and communities.
- Identify the different types of people, situations and areas in which social work intervenes.

CONTENT

1. Nature of social work.
2. Relationships between social work and other social sciences.
3. Precedents and origins of social work. Socio-political context of the evolution of social work.
4. The founding figures of social work: their influence and contributions.
5. Expansion and development of social work.
6. History of social work in Spain.
7. The most influential theories in the development of social work.
8. Methodology and levels of intervention. General concepts. Historical evolution.
9. Introduction to areas of intervention in social work.