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It also examines the rise of telephone and on-line self-help, considering the advantages, and disadvantages of this style of group interaction. As an added bonus, each chapter includes exercises and discussion questions.

In light of the growing importance of and reliance on task groups in the social services, this comprehensive text examines the uses, methods and dynamics of such groups. Following a description of the nature, history and variety of task groups, the authors discuss the role of the social worker in these groups, focusing on: the recruitment and composition of groups; participating as a team member; shepherding a group and dealing with problem behaviours within it. Task Groups in the Social Services will prove a vital resource to both students and practitioners in social work.

Karen K. Kirst-Ashman's introductory book enhances readers' ability to grasp the essence and spirit of generalist social work and the issues in social welfare that social workers address every day. Giving those who are contemplating a career in

social work a solid introduction to the profession, Kirst-Ashman presents a balanced introductory look within a unifying theme of critical thinking that trains readers to be more evaluative of key concepts. This fifth edition is completely updated in every chapter, and includes practice concepts, social welfare policy concepts, history and current state of the profession, the contexts of practice and populations served, and professional development. Written in a clear and straightforward manner, the book provides numerous case examples to illustrate social work practice.

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This brief version of Jerrold R. Brandell's Theory & Practice of Clinical Social Work assembles coverage of the most vital topics for courses in Clinical Social Work/Advanced Practice. Written by established

contributors in the field, this anthology addresses frameworks for treatment, therapeutic modalities, specialized clinical issues and themes, and dilemmas encountered in clinical social work practice. Now available in paperback and roughly half the size of the full-length version, Essentials of Clinical Social Work comes at a reduced cost for students who need to learn the basics of the course.

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This text provides the most comprehensive information available about group dynamics and working with people in a variety of treatment and task-oriented groups. The student receives a thorough grounding in how to work with either treatment (ongoing) or task (special focus) groups, in settings that vary from treatment to organizational and community settings. Chapters on the history of groups, group dynamics, group leadership, and diversity help the reader build a solid knowledge base about groups. Later chapters follow a problem-solving model, taking the student through the phases of group work (planning, beginning, assessing, working, evaluating, and ending), and provide the student with useful practice skills for working with groups in each phase of his or her development.

This edition includes the most up-to-date research on groups and new developments in the field of group work. The bibliography and references have also been updated. New case studies in Chapters 6-14 illustrate the six stages of the social group work process to help students apply the theory to actual social work practice.

Organized around the authors' coherent and cohesive Generalist Intervention Model, this introductory guide to generalist social work practice gives students the knowledge and skills they need to work with individuals and families, as well as the foundation to work with groups, communities, and organizations. Updated to reflect current topics and practice, the book focuses on micro levels of social work practice while also discussing the interrelationship between the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Part of the BROOKS/COLE EMPOWERMENT SERIES, UNDERSTANDING GENERALIST PRACTICE, 7th Edition, clearly identifies content related to the latest Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) with icons throughout the text. New learning objectives, which are correlated to chapter headings and summaries, guide students' reading and reinforce their understanding. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This ebook is a selective guide designed to help scholars and students of social work find reliable sources of information by directing them to the best available scholarly materials in whatever form or format they appear from books, chapters, and journal articles to online archives, electronic data sets, and blogs. Written by a leading international authority on the

and practitioners with little specific training in group work. This extensively revised edition provides tangible techniques and concrete guidelines on applying group work skills to a variety of situations. It is a comprehensive guidebook for those working directly with clients facing social problems or health conditions such as AIDS, cancer, addiction, head injury, divorce, mental illness, or abuse. Specific resources for further study and materials for use with each population are essential chapter components. With new chapters on internet self-help groups, group work with Asian-American immigrants, community and organizational factors, victims of school and community violence, and evidence-based practice, this nuts-and-bolts resource offers students and professionals clear, practical guidelines for applying specific skills and assessment measures to a broad range of group work environments.

First published in 1994, this book was hailed as a cutting-edge, theory-driven report from the front-line trenches in the battle for social justice. Both clinical and community oriented and written from a global perspective, it presents clients speaking for themselves alongside reports of prominent social work educators. This new edition puts greater emphasis on "how-to" skills in working with people toward their own empowerment and stresses multiculturalism. A new chapter identifies worldwide issues of oppression such as abuse of women and children and neglect of the mentally ill.

People all over the world are confronted by issues such as poverty, a lack of access to quality education, unaffordable and or inadequate housing, and a lack of needed health and mental services on a daily basis. Due to these issues, there is a need for social workers who have access to relevant and timely scholarly materials in order to meet the needs of those facing these issues. The social, psychological, and biological factors resulting from these issues determine the level of a

person's mental health at any given point in time and it is necessary for social workers to continue to evolve and develop to the new faces and challenges of the times in order to adequately understand the effects of these issues. In the first and second editions of the Social Workers' Desk Reference, the changes that were occurring in social work practice, education, and research were highlighted and focused upon. This third edition continues in the same tradition and continues to respond to the changes occurring in society and how they are impacting the education, research, and practice of social work as a whole. With 159 chapters collaboratively written by luminaries in the profession, this third edition serves as a comprehensive guide to social work practice by providing the most recent conceptual knowledge and empirical evidence to aid in the understanding of the rapidly changing field of social work. Each chapter is short and contains practical information in addition to websites and updated references. Social work practitioners, educators, students, and other allied professionals can utilize the Social Workers' Desk Reference to gain interdisciplinary and interprofessional education, practice, and research.

An Introduction to Group Work Practice Allyn & Bacon
This addition to Anissa Rogers' bestselling Human Behavior in the Social Environment expands the original text with new chapters on spirituality, families and groups, organizations, and communities. Written in the compact, concise manner of the original text, the new chapters cover mezzo and macro contexts, and offer additional material valuable to two- and three-semester HBSE courses.

Using a plentiful selection of skill-building and self-evaluation exercises, author Charles Zastrow's comprehensive, workbook-style text promotes his

philosophy that you can learn group leadership skills best by practicing them in class. In this ninth edition of **SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS: A COMPREHENSIVE WORKBOOK**, Zastrow discusses topics that are central to a successful understanding of group leadership: stages of groups, group dynamics, verbal and nonverbal communication, types of groups, and diversity in groups. With support from this book, your classroom will become a lab where you can experience what it's like to work in and lead many kinds of groups. Updated throughout with timely new topics and firsthand accounts from experienced social group work professionals, this edition also includes a new chapter on treatment groups with diverse and vulnerable populations. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Theory and Practice in Clinical Social Work is the authoritative handbook for social work clinicians and clinicians-in-training that catches up with rapid social changes and presents decisive plans for responding to the needs of an increasingly diverse clientele. Following an overview of the principal frameworks for clinical practice including systems theory, behavioral and cognitive theories, and psychoanalytic theory, the book goes on to present the major social crises and new populations the social worker confronts each day. **Theory and Practice in Clinical Social Work** includes twenty-four original chapters by leading social work scholars and master clinicians who represent the widest variety of clinical orientations and specializations. Collectively

these leading authors have treated nearly every conceivable clinical population, in virtually every practice context, using the full spectrum of treatment modalities. This collection highlights the current efforts by scholars and researchers to understand the aging process as it relates to the health of older adults. With contributions from international scholars in communication, psychology, public health, medicine, nursing, and other areas, this volume emphasizes communication as a critical research, education, policy, and practice issue for the design, provision, and evaluation of health and social services for older adults. Organized into sections addressing communication developments in the healthcare arena, issues in provider-patient communication, and the relationships between family communication and health. The chapters cover critical topics related to successful aging, such as Alzheimer's disease, managed care and older adults, communication issues of severe dementia, and healthcare decision-making within families. The editors have designed this volume to be accessible to a broad audience, including scholars and students of aging and communication, healthcare practitioners with older clients, and aging individuals and their families who are pursuing strategies for successful aging. The chapters represent the highest levels of current scholarship on communication, aging, and health, providing a strong foundation for future research. Each contribution also addresses the applied implications of this research, offering practical guidance to readers dealing with these issues in their own lives. As a whole, *Aging, Communication, and Health* represents a

major advance toward understanding the importance and application of communication for successful aging. Today's clinical social workers face a spectrum of social issues and problems of a scope and severity hardly imagined just a few years ago and an ever-widening domain of responsibility to overcome them. *Theory and Practice in Clinical Social Work* is the authoritative handbook for social work clinicians and graduate social work students, that keeps pace with rapid social changes and presents carefully devised methods, models, and techniques for responding to the needs of an increasingly diverse clientele. Following an overview of the principal frameworks for clinical practice, including systems theory, behavioral and cognitive theories, psychoanalytic theory, and neurobiological theory, the book goes on to present the major social crises, problems, and new populations the social work clinician confronts each day. *Theory and Practice in Clinical Social Work* includes 29 original chapters, many with carefully crafted and detailed clinical illustrations, by leading social work scholars and master clinicians who represent the widest variety of clinical orientations and specializations. Collectively, these leading authors have treated nearly every conceivable clinical population, in virtually every practice context, using a full array of treatment approaches and modalities. Included in this volume are chapters on practice with adults and children, clinical social work with adolescents, family therapy, and children's treatment groups; other chapters focus on social work with communities affected by disasters and terrorism, clinical case management, cross-cultural

clinical practice, psychopharmacology, practice with older adults, and mourning and loss. The extraordinary breadth of coverage will make this book an essential source of information for students in advanced practice courses and practicing social workers alike.

This clear and concise study guide provides sample examinations and guidance for counsellors who wish to become certified by either the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education (CACREP) or the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), the major counsellor accreditation institutions in the United States. This Second Edition brings up to date the names of key organizations, and adds new information relevant to changes in the counsellor certification exam.

Comprehensive Handbook of Social Work and Social Welfare, Volume 2: The Profession of Social Work features contributions from leading international researchers and practitioners and presents the most comprehensive, in-depth source of information on the field of social work and social welfare.

"Specifically dedicated to the skills that social workers need to advance community practice, this creative book is long overdue. Grounded in the wisdom and evidence of well-honed interpersonal social work skills...Donna Hardina's new text takes community practice to a higher level than ever before developed in book form; indeed she displays the most thorough understanding of research on community practice that I have read in any community practice text."--Journal of Teaching in Social Work
Community organization has been a major

component of social work practice since the late 19th century. It requires a diverse set of abilities, interpersonal skills being among the most important. This textbook describes the essential interpersonal skills that social workers need in community practice and helps students cultivate them. Drawing from empirical literature on community social work practice and the author's own experience working with community organizers, the book focuses on developing the macro-level skills that are especially useful for community organizing. It covers relationship-building, interviewing, recruitment, community assessment, facilitating group decision-making and task planning, creating successful interventions, working with organizations, and program evaluation, along with examples of specific applications. For clarity and ease of use, the author employs a framework drawn from a variety of community practice models, including social action and social planning, transformative/popular education and community development approaches, and multicultural and feminist approaches. The text is linked to the competencies outlined in the Council of Social Work Education's (2008) Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS), as well as ethics and values identified in the National Association of Social Workers' (NASW) Code of Ethics, and the International Federation of Social Workers' statement of ethical principles. Most chapters begin with a quote from a community organizer explaining how interpersonal skills are used in practice, and student exercises conclude each chapter. The text also addresses other important skills such as legislative

advocacy, lobbying, and supervision. Key Features: Describes the essential skills social workers need in community practice and how to acquire them Includes examples of specific applications drawn from empirical literature and the author's experience working with community organizers Grounded in social justice, strengths-based, and human rights perspectives Linked to competencies outlined in EPAS and values identified in the NASW Code of Ethics Based on a variety of community practice models

Organized around the coherent and cohesive Generalist Intervention Model, this guide to generalist social work practice incorporates the knowledge, skills, and professional values needed to work with individuals and families, as well as the foundation to work with groups, communities, and organizations. Updated with new material on empathy, interdisciplinary collaboration, working with LGBTQ clients and clients with disabilities, and other topics, the book focuses on micro levels of social work practice while also discussing the interrelationship among the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Part of the Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series, UNDERSTANDING GENERALIST PRACTICE, 8th Edition, clearly identifies content related to the latest Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) with icons throughout the text. Learning objectives, correlated to chapter headings and summaries, guide students' reading and reinforce their understanding. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

For courses in Group Social Work Practice A comprehensive, coherent, organized overview of group work practice from a generalist practice perspective. Widely used by professionals,

educators, and students in undergraduate and graduate courses in schools of social work throughout the United States and the world, *An Introduction to Group Work Practice* presents a comprehensive, coherent, organized overview of group work practice from a generalist practice perspective. The new Eighth Edition continues to include typologies illustrating group work practice with task and treatment groups at the micro-, meso-, and macro-levels. Thoroughly updated throughout, the new edition includes research on virtual groups, updated and deeper content on practice with treatment and task groups, the most current literature on working with reluctant and resistant group members, updated and expanded sections on working with individuals who have difficulty engaging in and sustaining work in groups, updated material on leadership and diversity, and thoroughly updated reference material and new content from evidence-based practice sources.

Thorough, hands-on guidance for conducting group work in nonprofit, public, and for-profit agency settings. Because it improves access, is cost-effective, and can be modified to conform to evidence-based practice, group work has become the treatment approach of choice in a broad range of human service agencies. Written in an approachable manner that allows for direct translation of concepts into practice, *Group Work: A Practical Guide to Developing Groups in Agency Settings* provides a dual emphasis on clinical group skills along with a thorough understanding of agency systems that is necessary to meet the demands of today's practice settings. Written by two experts in the field, this book offers: Practical, detailed, ready-to-use group treatment plans, including group objectives, weekly session guidelines, discussion topics, activities, relevant research, and other essential tools Coverage of the three major types of agencies—nonprofit, public, and for-profit—supported by

research and evidence-based treatments that reflect practitioners' actual experiences. A unique agency perspective that includes coverage of agency structure, policies, history, staff, politics, informal and formal norms, and diverse client populations. Group Work also contains a resourceful CD-ROM with over fifty different Group Profiles that can be customized to suit clients' unique styles and needs. Addressing a wide variety of psychological issues frequently encountered in therapy work with groups, the Group Profiles cover a range of clients across the lifespan—children, adolescents, adults, older adults, and the medically ill. Topics covered in these Group Profiles include anxiety, depression, divorce adjustment, substance abuse, foster care, trauma, chronic pain, anger management, hospice, weight management/obesity prevention, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, and many more. Clear, concise, and current, *Group Work: A Practical Guide to Developing Groups in Agency Settings* is a useful resource from which professionals will gain the knowledge, skills, and awareness of the many intricacies involved in working with diverse groups within different agency settings. Its easy-to-follow presentation will enable all mental health professionals to successfully apply a variety of concepts, ideas, and skills into their group work practice. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

This highly readable direct practice text offers a practical introduction to the theories and skills necessary to engage in effective, strengths-based practice. Developed specifically to address the issues facing students as they prepare for direct practice in today's world, *Direct Practice for Social Work* interweaves diversity and social justice throughout the chapters and teaches students how to make the connections between major theories and real-world situations. Written in an engaging style by experienced authors, this text

