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Personal experiences of a fourth-year social work student: insights into South Africa social work education and professional development

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Abstract

This presentation offers insights into the personal experiences of a fourth-year social work student at the University of the Free State (UFS), Bloemfontein, South Africa. The student reflects on how the Bachelor of Social Work Curriculum at the UFS prepared him for practice, drawing upon the three primary methods of social work - casework, group work, and community work. Furthermore, the presenter discusses core social work skills and competencies required to render services to diverse clients within the South African context. Finally, this presentation highlights the student's personal and professional development throughout his studies and how he integrates social work ethics in practice to be a champion for social justice.

Key words

Bachelor of Social Work, casework, community work, group work, personal experiences, social work skills, South Africa

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