Report on the Induction Program in Social Work

Induction Program for the First Semester MSW Batch 2012-2014 was conducted from 18th June to 25th June 2012 with an objective of bringing students joined in social work from different disciplines to have a common platform that would bridge their gaps in the basic awareness which are required for starting social work course. A thorough exposure to professional social work was given to students. Apart from the induction to University, the curriculum and field work of the course, various eminent personalities in the social work profession came and interacted with students on professionalism, challenges and opportunities of social work profession in different field settings. The alumnai and final year students could also inspire the students to get along with new environment in Christ University.

The first day 18.6.2012 started with University level induction followed by HOD and Class Teacher interaction. Dr. Bino Thomas, HOD, addressed the students and gave instructions, rules that are to be followed in University as well as Department of social work. Mrs. Bharathi, Class Teacher introduced them to the department and their duties as students in the campus. A general orientation from University officials was given in the same day afternoon.

On second day, 19.6.2012 Dr. Prakashi Rajaram, Professor, Dept. of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS, Bangalore could motivate students through her interactive session on Professional social work in India. Dr. Hemalatha, Associate Professor, briefed on the social work program – the curriculum, Dr. Sheeja Karalam, Associate Professor introduced the social work practicum and Mrs. Sushma G Murthy, Assistant Professor, provided details on the extension activity and rural camp in the course structure. In the afternoon, Mr. Johny Joseph, Director and Mr. Cyril Gilbertson, Project Staff, CSA, presented about the Centre for Social Action and role and opportunities of social work trainees with CSA followed by students’ individual interactions with faculty.

Third day 20.6.2012 began with introducing the report writing system of the course by Mr. Mathew C P, Assistant Professor. Students got familiarized with all non-profit organizations in Bangalore through Ms. Meena Dave’s Session. She is the Chief Co-ordinator, Bangalore Cares. After the presentation, students could interact with all faculties. Afternoon, alumina members came and shared their learning for life from the MSW course and its positive power in their current life. Ms. Marie, Ms. Noopura and Mr. Jayakumar were there to represent alumnai. Followed by this, the day concluded with final year – III Sem MSW students’ field work seminar in different settings based on their summer placement experience. It facilitated to the orientation of field work contents.

Evaluation procedures in each semester are a very important component in MSW course. Mr. Mathew C P Assistant Professor clarified the procedures of evaluation to students in his presentation in the first session of fourth day 21.6.2012. He also communicated value added programs in social work in the afternoon session. Mr. Victor Paul, CEO, EDC, Bangalore gave understandable information on opportunities and challenges in professional social work. Mr. Jimmy, Regional Director, Caritas India, Bangalore focused on the Field realities and its management in the social development work. Both batch students attended his session and could help them to explicate their responsibilities.
The day ended with Mr. Deepu Abraham, Teaching Associate’s presentation on orientation programs in social work. It supported the students to prepare them to attend their orientation visits to various social welfare agencies in Bangalore to enhance their attitude towards professional social work. On fifth day 22.6.2012, students interacted with faculty, attended sessions on introduction to syllabus by Mrs. Bharathi, Class Teacher. Afternoon, all students were gone for an orientation visit to BOSCO, with Faculty.

Next day 23.6.2012, orientation visit was arranged to VIMOCHANA but it got cancelled due to sudden demise of a staff in that organization, students came back and joined with senior student leaders to get orient to the campus facilities and library. The final day on Monday, 25th, June, students got an introduction to the first semester course papers through concerned faculties. All the faculties conducted classes in the morning and gave required information on respective subjects.

The valedictory function of the induction program started at 2.15pm afternoon. The chief guest of the function was Dr. (Fr.) Abraham V M , Pro – Vice Chancellor of Christ University and he inspired the students to think and act appropriately being a Christite.

Dr. Bino Thomas, HOD gave confidence to students to compact with the course in his message. Prof. Johny Joseph, Director, CSA, felicitated the function with his encouraging speech. Cultural activities organized the senior students was an ice breaking moment for the both the batch to know each other.

The Student representative Ms. Feba Peter Welcomed the dignitaries and Mr. Karthik gave vote of thanks after the cultural activities.

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