What is Social Auxiliary Work?

The need for Social Auxiliary Workers in South Africa was identified more than 10 years ago. The Regulations in the Service Professions Act, 1978, as amended, defines Social Auxiliary Work as "an act or activity practised by a Social Auxiliary Worker 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.

What are the requirements for enrolment as a Social Auxiliary Work learner?

a. Grade 10 or an equivalent certificate or;
b. an NQF Level 3 qualification

Where can I enrol for the Social Auxiliary Work course?

Learners can enrol at any of the Health and Welfare SETA (HWSETA) accredited Social Auxiliary Work: FETC training providers. The list is available from the offices of the SACSSP and on its website and the HWSETA.

How can I enrol for the Social Auxiliary Work course?

Contact any of the accredited Social Auxiliary Work: FETC training providers.

When is the intake cycle for the Social Auxiliary Work course?

During January and June of each year. This cycle also serves as the registration cycle of the SACSSP.

How long does the Social Auxiliary Work course take to complete?

12 months, but can be concluded over 24 months on condition the training provider informs the SACSSP and the HWSETA in writing.

On what level is the Social Auxiliary Work course?

The Social Auxiliary Work course is on level 4 as determined by the National Qualification Framework.
What is the course outline of the Social Auxiliary Work course?

Social Auxiliary Work course outline as follows:

a.  70% workplace practicals
b.  30% theoretical work

How many outcomes are being covered during the Social Auxiliary Work course?

Thirteen (13) exit level outcomes

How many electives are being done during the Social Auxiliary Work course?

One (1) elective.

How many fundamentals are being done during the Social Auxiliary Work course?

Learners should complete two (2) fundamentals.

How do I access accredited Social Auxiliary Work: FETC training providers?

Visit the following websites:

a.  www.sacssp.co.za
b.  www.hwseta.org.za

E- mail address

customercare@sacssp.co.za

Contact number: (SACSSP switchboard)

012– 356 8300
What will happen after the completion of the Social Auxiliary Work course?

The learner will qualify as a Social Auxiliary Worker and register with the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) as a Social Auxiliary Worker in terms of Section 18 of the Social Service Professions Act 110 of 1978 (as amended).

Is the Social Auxiliary Work course providing university access?

Yes. Learners can obtain access to the Bachelor of Social Work (NQF level 8) course, by requesting for Recognition of Prior Learning; however the Council cannot guarantee that universities would accept SAW learners.