

# **SWK 2750**

## **Notes Unit V**

International social work involves meeting social welfare needs from an international perspective.

This is an expanding area of social work practice, and is expected to grow rapidly in the coming years.

### **Responding to the challenge of globalization:**

- Cross-national collaboration
- Interdependency
- Conflict resolution
- Levels of intervention
- Development of human capital

### **The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW):**

- Governing body of Social Work internationally
- Promote social work and its influence
- Exchange ideas and experiences
- Work with governments and agencies

### **International Concerns**

- HIV/AIDS
- child welfare
- poverty
- human rights
- Refugees and immigration

### **IFSW partnerships include:**

- Amnesty International
- European Union
- United Nations
- International Council on Social Welfare
- Red Cross
- UNICEF
- Peace Corps
- World Health Organization

## Considerations for international social work:

- Types of jobs available
- MSW
- Cultural competence
- Communication skills (languages)

## International Social Work roles include:

- direct client services
- community development
- advocacy
- development of services
- policy
- research

## As the profession of social work matures, there are some predicted areas of expansion:

work with elderly, families and children, mental health, physical health, victim services, social and economic justice issues, prevention services

## Focus on more prevention services includes:

premarital counseling, family counseling, prevention focused mental health, delinquency, suicide, workplace, substance abuse, education

## Why is self-care important?

## How does self-care connect with self-awareness?

## Self-care model

- Macro level - address environmental factors
- Mezzo level - address supports and supervision
- Micro level - address knowledge and practices

The future of social work  
relies on developing highly  
trained ambitious and  
compassionate  
practitioners to address  
social needs - the future  
belongs to you, future  
BSW's!!!