Clinical Practice with Immigrants: Culturally Grounded Social Work Practice Parts 1 & 2

Presented By:
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DESCRIPTION:
Currently immigrants represent 10 percent of the population in the United States. The purpose of this two-session didactic/experiential workshop is to refine knowledge and practice skills for working with immigrant populations. The workshop, which is informed by the concept of culturally grounded social work practice (Marsiglia & Kulis, 2009), will explore ways in which clinical social workers can work effectively with immigrant clients. The First Session will present an overview of the characteristics of immigrant populations in the greater New York area, challenges that immigrants face using a family life cycle perspective, and a review of evidence-based practices with immigrants and refugees. Participants will also explore Western assumptions that are inherent in clinical social work practice, which can hinder our work with immigrant populations.

The Second Session will focus on clinical applications by discussing case examples (provided by participants and the instructor). While examining culturally sensitive approaches, we will also explore the use of the professional self and countertransference that arise in working with issues such as experiences of prolonged separation, losses, and changes in power balances among immigrant families.

FACULTY:
Tazuko Shibusawa, Ph.D. is Associate Professor at the New York University Silver School of Social Work. Dr. Shibusawa’s research focuses on aging among vulnerable populations. Dr. Shibusawa’s clinical experiences include Director of Social Services, Keiro Nursing Home in Los Angeles, California; psychiatric social worker, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Asian Pacific Counseling & Treatment Center; co-director of Counseling International in Tokyo Japan; and short term mental health consultant for the World Health Organization. Dr. Shibusawa has written extensively about cross-cultural clinical practice.

FEES:
Registration fee: $80 for both sessions; $50 for one session
NYU SSW Alumni and field instructors: $60 for two sessions and $35 for one session
Current students: $40 for two sessions and $30 for one session

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