SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE WORK

The scope of practice of the profession of social service work means the assessment, treatment, and evaluation of individual, interpersonal and societal problems through the use of social service work knowledge, skills, interventions and strategies, to assist individuals, dyads, families, groups, organizations and communities to achieve optimum social functioning and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

SSW1 – The provision of assessment, treatment and evaluation services within a relationship between a social service worker and a client;

SSW2 – The provision of supervision and/or consultation to a social service worker or social service work student or other supervisee;

SSW3 – The provision of social support to individuals and/or groups including relationship-building, life skills instruction, employment support, tangible support including food and financial assistance, and information and referral services;

SSW4 – The provision of educational services to social service worker students;

SSW5 – The development, promotion, management, administration, delivery and evaluation of human service programs, including that done in collaboration with other professionals;

SSW6 – The provision of services in organizing and/or mobilizing community members and/or other professionals in the promotion of social change;

SSW7 – The provision of contractual consultation services to other social service workers, or professionals; or organizations;

SSW8 – The development, promotion, implementation and evaluation of social policies aimed at improving social conditions and equality;

SSW9 – The conduct of research regarding the practice of social service work, as defined in paragraphs (1) to (8) above; and

SSW10 – Any other activities approved by the College.

The Principles and Interpretations set out in the Standards of Practice Handbook are to be applied in the context of the scope of practice of each profession.