This *Standards of Practice Handbook* applies to the profession of social work and the profession of social service work.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR SOCIAL WORK**

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

SW1 – The provision of assessment, diagnostic, treatment and evaluation services within a relationship between a social worker and a client;

SW2 – The provision of supervision and/or consultation to a social worker, social work student or other supervisee;

SW3 – 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;

SW4 – The provision of educational services to social work and social service work students;

SW5 – The development, promotion, management, administration, delivery and evaluation of human service programs, including that done in collaboration with other professionals;

SW6 – The provision of services in organizing and/or mobilizing community members and/or other professionals in the promotion of social change;

SW7 – The provision of contractual consultation services to other social workers or professionals or organizations;

SW8 – The development, promotion, implementation and evaluation of social policies aimed at improving social conditions and equality;

SW9 – The conduct of research regarding the practice of social work, as defined in paragraphs (1) to (8) above; and

SW10 – Any other activities approved by the College.