

## **Social Welfare Policy**

Advanced, Liberal, 4 credits

Social Welfare Policy is considered to be an advanced level knowledge that is liberal. It represents higher level theory and concepts that human service workers have acquired through applied practice. Advanced level knowledge indicates that you are able to use terminology, concepts, and theory in an applied way. Social Welfare Policy is more often about why we do things (i.e., liberal) and not necessarily how we do things (i.e., non-liberal). At Empire State College, the Social Welfare Policy course is offered at the advanced level.

Please use the questions below to structure your PLA submission on the topic of Social Welfare Policy. Copy each question and respond directly below it. If you utilize an outside source, such as a website or a book, make sure to reference this in your response. The responses to the questions should be submitted in a Word document and uploaded in PLA Planner. In PLA Planner, you would list the topic as Social Welfare Policy, asking for 4 credits, and designate this as Advanced Level and Liberal.

Please note – responding to these questions is not a guarantee of credit. You will still be expected to speak with an evaluator and answer any supplemental questions that they may have. The evaluator would then make a credit determination.

### **Questions for Students to respond to**

**We suggest you save this document with your name and the title of the PLA (e.g., Smith Social Welfare Policy PLA) and answer beneath each question below.**

Name:

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PLA Title: Social Welfare Policy

Number of Credits Requested: 4

Type: Advanced, Liberal

1. Please briefly explain your experiences in the human services.

2. Select one Social Insurance Program (OASDI, Unemployment Insurance, Workers Comp, Temp Disability Insurance, SSI, or SSDI) and answer the following questions. Sources or references may be used for this question. If so, please make sure to cite appropriately in your response.

- Explain the history of the program. When was it created, why was it created, and who was it intended to help.
- Evaluate the program.
  - What type of services are offered?
  - Who are the service recipients?
  - What is the eligibility requirements?
  - Identify gaps and barriers in this program.
  - Name at least one strength of the program.

3. Select two of the following policy areas: 1) Health Insurance Policy (ex. Medicare, Medicaid, and ACA); 2) Employment Policy; 3) Food and Shelter Policy (ex. Food Stamps or Emergency Housing); or 4) Education Policy. Answer the following questions for each policy. Sources or references may be used for this question. If so, please make sure to cite appropriately in your response.

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