

Research Summary

جودة تعليم برنامج ماجستير العمل الاجتماعي بجامعة ظفار في ظل جائحة كورونا

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*The quality of education of the Master's Program in Social Work at
Dhofar University in light of the Corona pandemic (Covid 19)*

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The Master's Program in Social Work at Dhofar University is one of the educational programs for social work, which the university and its management sought to maintain during the current crisis of the Corona pandemic (Covid 19), in recognition of the university's importance of continuing the educational process in general, and the continuation of the educational process Master's program in social work in particular.

The Master's Program in Social Work at Dhofar University is the second most recent social work program in the Sultanate of Oman. There are two postgraduate programs at the master's level in social work in the Sultanate - up to now, the first of which is the Master's Program in Social Work of Sultan Qaboos University, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of Sociology and Labor social. The second is the Master's Program in Social Work of Dhofar University, College of Arts and Applied Sciences, Department of Social Sciences.

In addition, and what increases the importance of the Master of Social Work program at Dhofar University, it is the only educational program - so far - located in the south of the Sultanate in the Governorate of Dhofar. Therefore, it came as a good opportunity for all students, workers and those interested in social work within the governorate and its various states to complete their postgraduate studies in the field of social work.

The Master of Social Work program at Dhofar University aims to:

Preparing students professionally and in leadership to practice social work efficiently.

Providing students with knowledge of international standards and contemporary theories and practices in the field of social work.

Prepare students to work with clients at all levels and in various environments.

Preparing students to play an effective and professional role in addressing social problems.

-Motivating students to equip themselves with the skills and competencies necessary to conduct research and benefit from modern technology in their practice of the profession of social work.

Preparing students to be able to evaluate the provided social services and develop these services, as well as developing and implementing social services policies and programmes.

-Preparing students to occupy advanced positions in various institutions, including the Ministry of Social Development, social and charitable organizations, schools, health centers and other institutions that provide social and humanitarian services.

Preparing students to apply critical thinking skills through the practices of the social work profession and to understand the profession's values, standards, principles and ethical practices.

Preparing students to use different communication skills between clients, colleagues and communities.

Prepare students for lifelong professional development.

Based on that, and in the university's awareness of that unique feature of the Master of Social Work program, which has made it - so far - the only and unique graduate program of its kind offered in higher education institutions in the south of the Sultanate in general and in the Dhofar Governorate in particular. Since its launch of this program in the 2018/2019 academic year, and even at the time of the current crisis of the Corona pandemic (Covid 19), the university administration has been keen to provide everything that would achieve quality and excellence for this program knowledgeably, skillfully and academically.

Accordingly, the current research, in which the two researchers - who are members of the academic staff in the Master of Social Work program - are trying to determine the quality level of the cognitive, skill and academic aspects of the Master of Social Work program at the University of Dhofar, as well as identify the factors that will maintain the continuity and quality of the educational process in the program in light of The current crisis of the Corona pandemic (Covid 19).