

Respond to the questions below based on your review of Ch 3 Merging the Person's Art with the Profession's Science.

1-Identify three personal values that you believe are important prerequisites for social work practice? Describe each value and explain why you selected it as one of the most important.

**Service- Service is important because it is the bedrock for why anyone would enter the field of social work. Service as mentioned in the reading is the sense to be concerned about someone else interest beside one's own.**

**Social Justice- I find this value to be important because a social worker must be an advocate for those suffering. The marginalized often do not have someone to support of stand for them when the system fails them.**

**Integrity- Within the social context trust is essential to building healthy relationships. When a client trusts his/her therapist, change and progress can be achieved. When a client perceives that the social worker has integrity and respect for them, it will foster positive cooperation, ultimately leading to successful outcomes.**

2-Discuss the similarities and differences between practice wisdom, theoretical knowledge, and tested knowledge.

**Practice wisdom is founded on personal experience and information from generations of social workers to inform the practitioner.**

**Theoretical knowledge highlights data and hypotheses to inform the practitioner and tested knowledge draws on experimentation to conclude future outcomes. The main similarity that encompasses all**

***three is the theory for social work that deals with the client and the specific activity that may help the client experience change.***

3. The text indicates that a social worker must possess knowledge regarding social phenomena, social conditions and social problems, and the social work profession. Select one of these knowledge areas and give examples of the knowledge that is required. ***The social worker must understand the interrelatedness of various system levels and how the client is affected by those systems. Having information about the context of individuals, families, and the community at large will assist the social worker to navigate services to the client/group. Furthermore, the social worker would need to have knowledge of the various resources available with the different agencies that govern the systems to help the client.***

4. Describe the difference between “theories of social work” and “theories for social work.” Give examples of each and discuss why a social work student should be familiar with both. ***Theories of social work focus on the profession and seek to explain the purpose behind the profession. In other words, the “why” of social work is highlighted. The theories for social work focuses on the client and the activities that can be utilized to help people get better. A successful social worker will be one who values both theories because it fosters balance to know why one goes into the profession and the tools necessary to be efficient in practice.***