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"To be a centre of Excellence,  
Nationally and Globally in Social Work  
Education, Training and Research"

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- International Associations of School of Social Work ( IASSW)
- International Consortium on International Social Development (ICISD)
- International Federation of Social Work Education (APASWE)
- Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers (SLAPSW)

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## "Co-Building a New Social World: Leaving No-One Behind" International Webinar in partnership with Professional Bodies and Departments of Social Work in Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Nepal and India



A Webinar organized by the Brisbane Institute of Strength Based Practice was conducted on 15.03.2022 from 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Panelists from Sri Lanka, Australia, India, Kenya and Nepal participated in the said Webinar. Mrs. Shamini Attanayake Director General (Acting) of the National Institute of Social Development participated as a panelist of the said Webinar representing the National Institute of Social Development from Sri Lanka. The presentation was delivered under the theme of Strength Based Social Work and Counseling during the COVID19 Pandemic in Sri Lanka.

Social Work and Counseling interventions were made for the vulnerable groups and used alternative methods of accessing care. In order to bring the new coronavirus pandemic in the country under control, the government of Sri Lanka implemented a set of control strategies including social distancing, quarantine, lockdowns, travel restrictions, and isolation of villages. The aim of this presentation is to make the participants aware of the effectiveness of overall control process and models used in Sri Lanka.

Mrs. Shamini Attanayake, Director General (Acting), National Institute of Social Development

The theme of Social Work Day 2022 is "Co-Building a New Social World: Leaving No-One Behind". The National Institute for Social Development, which is dedicated to the social work profession in Sri Lanka, delivered two lectures on March 15 and 16 on the occasion of this special day for all social workers around the world. Sri Lanka Professional Social Workers and the International Federation of Social Workers collaborated with the National Institute for Social Development to commemorate this day and highlight the need for social work in Sri Lanka.



**National Institute of Social Development**  
Ministry of Finance & State Ministry of Transport, Home Economy, Microfinance, Self-Employment & Business Development

World Social Work Day 2022 - Public Lecture on  
**Co-Building a New Eco-Social World: leaving No One Behind**

**Dr. Pamela Pieris**  
Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Kelaniya

15th March 2022  
10.00 am to 11.00 am  
Medium - English  
Venue: 15th March 2022  
Free of Charge

**Ms. Shashini Silva**  
Head of Social Work, National Institute of Social Development

A collaboration with Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers and International Federation of Social Workers

According to the IFSW, The theme presents a vision and action plan to create new global values, policies, and practices that develop trust, security, and confidence for all people and the sustainability of the planet. World Social Work Day 2022 will be a highlight opportunity for the social work profession to engage all social work networks and the community they work within to make contributions to the values and principles which enable all people to have their dignity respected through shared futures.

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(දායක සමුදාය)

15th March 2022  
10.00 am to 11.00 am  
Free of Charge

The keynote speakers delivered lectures on how the theme of this Social Work Day fits into the socio-cultural context of Sri Lanka. Dr. Pamila Pieris and Dr. Sarath Chandrasekare discussed further on how social workers should act, especially in pandemic situations like covid 19. In these discussions, everyone focused more on how we as professional social workers should further establish and promote this profession in Sri Lanka. The most important issue discussed was the formulation of a methodology for obtaining a license for professional social workers as soon as possible.

Mrs. Shamini Attanayake, Director General, National Institute of Social Development, Mr. K.M.Y. Karunaratne, School of Social Work, lecturers, social work students, and other participated in the World Social Work Day celebrations. In the end, everyone was of the opinion that the goals discussed this time should be achieved before celebrating next year's Social Work Day.

**The invaluable contribution of professional Social Work for the betterment of people in our Country.**

Over the ages of civilization, mankind has struggled with addressing the needs of all members of society. Social Work, a profession concerned with addressing the needs of all human beings. It's a profession that helps to fulfill their needs by applying professional helping. In that it is a disciplined approach focused on the needs of the client, and it requires specific knowledge, values, and skills to guide the helping activity. However, the ultimate goal of the social work profession is to assist people in resolving issues related to their social functioning.

Social work profession, instrumental in helping the most vulnerable and marginalized people such as women suffering from many forms of discrimination, abandoned and sexually victimized children, people with various types of disability those who are addicted to alcohol and drugs; elderly living in undesirable situations etc. Social workers work with them micro, mezzo, and macro levels in the society. Social work, as an action-oriented profession originally developed to work with a number of social problems in the society. Therefore, professional social workers are most needed in the country to find solutions for emerging and already existing social problems. Though, in Sri Lanka the recognition of social work as a profession among the public is very low like other countries in Asia. However, social work as a helping profession to overcome human problems in different levels, there is a great need to influence professional growth and the status of the social work profession in Sri Lanka. It can be concluded that professional growth of social work focuses on the need of establishment of professional organizations, formulation and adoption of a code of ethics, development and dissemination of a specific body of culturally appropriate knowledge and the establishment of social work education in Sri Lanka.

Mrs. Manjula Wijesekara, Senior Lecture, School of Social Work

## NEW YEAR CEREMONY - 2022 APRIL



The New Year Festival organized by the students of the Bachelor of Social Work Degree was held ceremoniously at the institute premises on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

This year the New Year Festival of National Institute of Social Development was named as Wasantha Udanaya and it was a great event which showed the unity of Sinhala, Tamil & Muslim students .

This specific event was organized with the purpose of supporting the children of selected low income families and empower them to pursue their education by giving away prizes. Many traditional New Year sports events were included in the ceremony and the winners of the competitions were awarded prizes. It was a great experience for these student social workers who were looking forward to enter the profession in near future as professional social workers.

# TRAINING DIVISION

Inauguration programmes of Higher Diploma in Counselling and Diploma in Counselling courses were conducted by the training division for the 2022/23 academic year. Introduction to the content of diploma. Overall objectives and expected outcomes of the programme were discussed by Ms. Shamini Atthanayaka, Director General. Ms. Vasudevan, Director-Training and the staff members participated in the programme.

## Number of Courses and Programmes conducted by Training Division

Higher Diploma in Counselling 2022/23 (Sinhala Medium) -Seeduwa  
Date - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Mode - via Zoom  
No. of Participant - 23

Diploma in Counselling 2021/22 (Sinhala Medium) -Kurunagala  
Date - 08<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Mode - via Zoom  
No. of Participant - 55

Diploma in Counselling 2022/23 (Sinhala Medium) -Ranna  
Date - 05<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Mode - via Zoom  
No. of Participant - 20

Diploma in Counselling 2022/24 (Tamil Medium) -Vauniya  
Date - 07<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Mode - via Zoom  
No. of Participant - 51

Diploma in Counselling 2022/23 (Sinhala/English/Tamil Mediums) -Seeduwa  
Date - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Mode - via Zoom  
No. of Participant - 60

Diploma in Counselling 2022/23 (Sinhala Medium) -Ampara  
Date - 09<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
Mode - via Zoom  
No. of Participant - 20



Inauguration Programme of Advanced Certificate Course in Child Focused Community Development has conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via Zoom

Filed Orientation Programme of Diploma in Counselling 2020/22 (Tamil Medium)-Kandy has conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via zoom.

## Short Term Training Programme on Personal and Work Life Development



This programme was conducted to develop personal skills of preschool teachers and to apply counseling skills while working as a preschool teacher with children. The programme was conducted at Thalawa DS Division on 24.02.2022 with the participation of 68 teachers.

## Awareness programme for Samurdhi Beneficiaries

Awareness Programme for Samurdhi Beneficiaries about Academic Programmes conducted by National Institute of Social Development was conducted at the Ranna Regional Centre on 07.03.2022. It was conducted to raise the awareness about NISD among communities.

## **Training Programme on Career Guidance**

This training programme was conducted to enhance the awareness about career opportunities among A/L Students. The programme was conducted at the Ranna Regional Centre on 21.03.2022.



## **Short Term Training Programme for Elders**

Main purpose of this programme was to discuss on capacity building and elder care. The programme was conducted at the Ranna Regional Centre on 21.03.2022.



## **Short term training for capacity building of Members in Community Based Organizations**

Short term training for capacity building of Community Based Organizational (CBOs) members (Udankai 01) conducted at the Sammanthurai Samurdhi Office on 29.03.2022. 66 CBO members were participated for this training programme.



## **Training Programme on Social Work Skills for Livelihood Development**

Social Work skills for Livelihood Development for Samurdhi entrepreneurs were conducted based on the Northern Province. 29 participants from Aninchiyamkulam Grama Niladhari Division and 27 participants from Therankandal Grama Niladhari Division were participated.



## **Institutional visit - Diploma in Counselling 2019/21**

As an evaluation requirement of the field practice of Diploma in Counselling courses, Institutional Visits were made to the Divisional Secretariat Offices. Through these visits it is expected to develop the quality of field practice.



Institutional visit - Diploma in Counselling 2019/21 – Ampara  
Date - 2022.02.23  
Location – Monaragala  
Divisional Secretariat Office

## Institutional visit - Diploma in Counselling

Institutional visit - Diploma in Counselling 2019/21 – Ampara  
Date - 2022.02.22



Institutional visit - Diploma in Counselling 2019/21 – Rathnapura  
Date - 2022.02.09



# RESEARCH DIVISION

## INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CONFERENCE-2022

Social work education and practice in Sri Lanka faced the challenge of meeting needs in areas of health, social welfare and other service providing settings, while delivering other required services coming under social work. The service providing organizations have come to functional standstill since they had to protect the service providers and service users from various challenges. Most service providing organizations have shifted to online and hybrid methods to deliver services. However, the question about the preparedness, designing and effectiveness of professional services are still not clearly understood, particularly for a developing country like Sri Lanka. In this view, the theme of the conference **"ALTERNATIVE SOCIAL WORK PRACTICES DURING THE COVID-19"**, throws a light on the provision of services during the pandemic. The original, unpublished conceptual papers/thematic papers/ research papers/ professional practices/ case studies are invited from academicians, social work practitioners, research scholars and students on the board aspects of the theme and subthemes for presentation at the international online/ hybrid webinar.

**National Institute of Social Development**  
Institutional Development Department, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**International Conference on**  
**ALTERNATIVE SOCIAL WORK PRACTICES**  
**DURING THE COVID-19**

**Webinar/ Hybrid**

**Main Theme**  
ALTERNATIVE SOCIAL WORK PRACTICES DURING THE COVID-19

**Sub Theme**

- COVID-19 pandemic: Impact on individual/family/community
- Social Transformation
- Challenges to social work education and practice during the pandemic
- Professionalization of Social Work in the developing countries
- Green Social work and eco-friendly environment
- Exploring the impact and effectiveness of social work practice
- Connecting social work research and practice, including the co-creation of knowledge
- Multidisciplinary development, innovation and capacity building in social work research
- Resilient waste Management during the covid-19
- Online Learning in School Education
- Online teaching in social work education

**Keynote Speaker**

**Prof. M. V. Sriganesh**  
Regional Vice President  
Asia-Pacific, International Council on Social Work (ICSW)

**Special Dates**

- 08<sup>th</sup> of May 2022  
09<sup>th</sup> of May 2022
- 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2022
- Deadline for the Abstract Submission: 01.02.2022
- Conference Date: 08.05.2022 - 09.05.2022

**Registration Fee**

- International Participants: 120.00
- Local Participants: 100.00
- Local Practitioners: 80.00

**Conference Location**

Prof. Suresh Chandrasekaran, 011-241012619  
No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

## Research on Environmental Impact of COVID 19 Health Care and Waste Management: Societal Resilience for the Future

The outbreak of corona virus disease (COVID-19) in late 2019 is far more than a global health crisis. To protect from the viral infection, presently peoples are using face mask, hand gloves and other safety equipment, which increase the amount of healthcare waste. Further, the increase in the number of infections of COVID-19 can be correlated to the increase in the healthcare waste in households, hospitals, clinics, laboratories, quarantine centers, and research laboratories in almost every part of the country. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, health care waste generation is being increased, which is a major threat to public health and environment. Inadequate and inappropriate handling of healthcare waste management may have serious public health consequences and a significant impact on the environment. Sound management of these wastes, in addition to municipal solid waste, other waste and industrial waste, is thus a crucial part of environmental and health protection. The importance of proper management of healthcare waste has been receiving further attention with COVID-19 pandemic.

## Calling for Papers

The Research Division has called for papers in our peer reviewed journals. We welcome high quality work that focuses on research, development, and publications in the aforesaid areas social work, counseling, psycho social, sociology, nature science, technology, and clinical and medical research on regular basis.

### Sri Lanka Journal of Social Work

The Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division of the National Institute of Social Development publishes the Journal of Social Work in Sri Lanka annually to develop Social Work subject knowledge among scholars. The main theme of this magazine, published in 2022, is "Social Work Intervention for Vulnerable Groups". This journal publishes academic and research articles of the academic staff of the National Institute of Social Development and it is a guide for students and newcomers to the field of social work.

### E-Journal of Social Work (EJSW) (Biannual – Peer Reviewed)

The Biannual E-Journal of Social Work is published with articles based on the trilingual policy under the theme "Co-Building a new Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind". As the public sector has recommended the need for social work intervention to find solutions to the current social problems in Sri Lanka, it is prudent to have a global dialogue using modern technology. This e-journal published by the National Institute of Social Development aims to provide information on social issues and to expand the knowledge in social work education.



### Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development

The Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development is published with the objective of building research literature to fill the research gaps. Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development for the year 2022 was published under the theme "Psycho-Social Intervention for Child Development". Under this, it is a timely need to build an academic discourse on a number of topics. By creating an academic awareness and sharing the knowledge in the fields in which they are specialized in, it is expected to build a multi-disciplinary academic discourse in the Sri Lankan social context. This scholarly publication, which was produced with the aim of raising awareness of the community as a whole, has led to the development of knowledge in related fields.

### Student Journal of Social Work

The Students' Journal (Annual) 2022 to be published under the theme of "Social Work Intervention for Community Development" and the articles will be published under the tri-language policy. Social work research addresses psycho-social problems, preventive interventions, treatment of acute and chronic conditions, and community, organizational, policy and administrative issues. The Student Journal of the National Institute of Social Development is publishing Students Journals embark on a mission to provide information on field based Psychosocial issues and thereby disseminate the advanced knowledge of the Social Work Education.

## DEGREE PROGRAMMES

- **Master of Social Work** - Two (02) Years / Part time (English / Sinhala / Tamil Medium)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Bachelor's Degree from a Recognized University or Higher Education Institute.
- **Bachelor's of Social Work** - Four (04) Years / Fulltime (English / Sinhala / Tamil Medium)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Minimum requirements for University admissions Passing the G.C.E.(A/L) Examination .

## HIGHER DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

- **Higher Diploma in Social Work** - Two (02) Years / Fulltime (Sinhala / Tamil / English)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing 03 Subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) Examination in any stream & completion of Diploma in Social Work.
- **Higher Diploma in Counseling** - 21 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil / English)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Completing a Diploma in Counseling.

## DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

- **Diploma in Social Work** - One Year / Fulltime & Part time (Sinhala / Tamil / English)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing 03 Subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) Examination and 03 Years working experience in Social Services & Welfare Sector.
- **Diploma in Women Empowerment** - One Year / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing 03 Subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) Examination.
- **Diploma in Counseling** - 21 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing 03 Subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) Examination.
- **Diploma in Social Care** - 18 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing 03 Subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) Examination.
- **Diploma in Child Protection** - 18 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
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- **Diploma in Community Based Correction** - 21 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
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- **Diploma in Eldercare/ Gerontology** - 18 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing 03 Subjects at G.C.E.(A/L) Examination.
- **Diploma in Sign Language & Interpretation** - One Year / Part time (Sinhala Medium)  
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## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES

- **Certificate course in Social Work** - 06 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing G.C.E.(O/L) Examination.
- **Certificate course in Counseling** - 06 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
ENTRY QUALIFICATION - Passing G.C.E.(O/L) Examination.
- **Certificate course in Child Focused Community Development** - 06 Months / Part time (Sinhala / Tamil)  
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