

Experienced Social Worker's Life Story

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Abstract

The research adopts the Narrative Study method, i.e. using the life story to investigate an experienced social worker's career development stage. Through the protagonist's story, the paper examines the important incidents in his career development stage, and the meaning of these incidents in his life. Also the paper studies the reasons influencing the protagonist's career development through his life story. That is, personal characteristics, social environment, family background and learning experience. Finally the paper gives in-depth analysis on the reasons that cause our protagonist to insist on being a social worker and thus choosing it as his life-long career.

Through studying the protagonist's personal factors and his working environment, finds out that the main reasons for the protagonist's persistence in being a social worker are: growing-up experience, personal characteristics, sense of responsibility, effective back-up net work, family support, regular change of work content, sense of achievement and stable income. These above mentioned factors are the main reasons for the protagonist's persistence in pursuing the job of being a social worker as his lifetime career.

As Super's career theory uses age in combination with career concern, while the counselor's career development theory divides each stage according to the counselor's work situation and work performance, also there is a lack of explanation concerning the stage before they become counselors. Therefore, in chapter 3 the paper combines Super's and the counselor's career development theory, and on the basis of these two theories, the social worker's career development theory is thus established. Furthermore, the paper uses this newly-established social worker's career development theory to examine the protagonist's career development.

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