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## **THE GAP BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE IN SOCIAL WORK**

### **Abstract:**

The gap between theory and practice in social work has been the subject of considerable debate over recent years. This study aims at exploring the reasons for the gap between theory and practice in social work in Kuwait, and the most significant reason for this gap. A convenient sample of 342 participated from different institutions in Kuwait. The results showed that the major reasons for the gap were job challenges and requirements, followed by curriculum, job description, and self-development. Results also showed significant differences between gender, type of university, major of the participants, and the institutions in which the participants work.

### **Keywords:**

Curriculum - gap between theory and practice job - challenges and requirements- job description- self-development tendency- social work

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