This chapter lays out a social work framework for Canadian students that adheres to an Anti-Oppressive Practice (AOP), and contributes to social work at the individual, community and broader societal levels.

When reading this chapter, ask yourself these questions about social work practice:

1. What can social workers do to challenge oppression and inequality?
2. How do social workers unintentionally perpetuate the oppression of clients similar to the ones that we are committed to change?
3. How does anti-oppressive social work practice challenge us, personally and professionally, to become critical reflective practitioners?

This chapter will help you to further develop skills to evaluate theories and practice. In other chapters of this book you will see that AOP will not undermine established approaches to practice. AOP also offers you the opportunity to be creative and make space for constructive conflict and controversy.
FURTHER READING

For more information on the areas covered in this section, see the following: