

SSW 5014- MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

Course Objectives

- Understand medical social work
- Understand medical social work in hospitals
- Assess the scope of social work methods in medical settings.
- Introduce interventions and skills needed for medical social work practice.
- Understand role and functions of a medical social worker in various settings

Course Outline

Unit 1 Medical Social Work

Meaning, definition, historical development and scope in India.
Limitations, difficulties and challenges ahead
Illness as a social problem and its effects on the individual, family and community The multidisciplinary team approach in health

Unit 2 Medical Social Work in Hospitals

Scope of Medical Social Work in General Hospitals, Government, Corporate and private, Specific disease hospitals & clinics
Role, Functions and Tasks of Medical Social Worker in varied departments of Hospital including blood banks, eye banks and health camps

Unit 3 Application of Social Work methods in medical settings

Methods of social work in medical social work
Case work, Treatment groups, task Groups, support groups
Administration in medical care and Public relations
Staff Development, Training and supervision
Clinical Research and applications
Ethical considerations

Unit 4 Medical Social Work in Different Settings

Medical social work with Families, Rehabilitation Centers, Industry Aged, pain and palliative care
Institutions for the physically and mentally challenged
Community health centres.

Unit 5 Prevention, promotion and rehabilitation

Health Education: meaning, importance, principles & components of Health Education

Communication in Health Education - Mass media, Audio Visual Aids, Social media. Voluntary and Governmental Agencies for Health Education programmes. Evaluation of Health Education Programmes in India.
Behaviour change communication as a strategy for Health and Education.

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