

SSW 5016: PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK

- Course Objectives**
- Understand the changing trends in mental health care and scope of psychiatric social work
 - Comprehensive learning on the concepts of prevention and promotion
 - Learn role of psychiatric social workers in different settings
 - Understand the policies, laws and legislations on mental health

Course Outline

Unit I Scope and functions of Psychiatric Social Work

Psychiatric Social Work – History & Development
Functions of Psychiatric Social Work
Changing trends in mental health care
Scope of Psychiatric social worker
Multidimensional assessment of Mental Disorders
Psychiatric social worker in a multidisciplinary team

Unit II Preventing mental health problems & promotion of mental health

Concept of Prevention in mental health problems: Suicide prevention, Substance abuse prevention
Concept of Promotion in mental health: Mental health interventions at different stages of life span
Children and adolescents - life skills education, student enrichment programme, counselling cell - training program for students, teachers and staffs
Adults - pre-marital counselling, family life education, family and marital enrichment, parenting training program
Elderly – socialising, physical exercises, pharmacological management.

Unit III Role of psychiatric social worker in various settings and situations

Multidisciplinary team member in various settings – Clinical departments, Rehabilitation centres, Institutional care homes, De-addiction centres, Child Guidance Centres.
Psychosocial care – concept, definition and practice
Psychosocial care service in varied situations – disasters, migration, displacement, emergencies.

Unit IV Extension of mental health services

Significance of extension of mental health services
Voluntary agencies in mental health
Services in correctional settings- observational homes, prisons.
Counselling cell in workplace
Mental health services in schools, colleges and universities
Mental Health services in general health settings

Unit V Policies, laws and programmes related to mental health

Social welfare provisions for persons with mental health issues
National Mental Health Policy
National Mental Health Programme and District Mental Health Programme
Centers of Excellence in Mental Health
Salient features including amendments of various acts in India
Mental Health Act 1987
The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017

Rehabilitation Council of India Act 1992
People with Disabilities Act 1995
National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act. 1999

- Course**
- The learners will understand the changing trends in mental health care and scope of psychiatric social work in India and abroad.
- Outcome**
- A Comprehensive learning on the concepts of prevention and promotion will be acquired by completing the course.
 - The learners can understand the role of psychiatric social workers in different settings.
 - Learners will gain clear understanding of policies, laws and legislations on mental health.

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