

SWK561 Mental Health and Illness

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

Mental Health and Illness aims to equip students with knowledge and understanding of mental health and mental illness in a global context. The various types of mental conditions will be discussed and the impact of mental illness on individuals and their families will be explored. Appropriate interventions will be examined and critiqued. The mode of delivery of mental health services and the function of the multi-disciplinary teams will be discussed. Mental health promotion and education will also be addressed. The challenges of social work in this area including ethical considerations and self care of the social worker will be discussed.

Topics:

- Historical Development of Mental illness and Treatment
- Theories of Mental Illness
- Psychoses
- Neuroses
- Child and Adolescent Disorders
- Elderly Mental Health Issues
- Social Work Interventions
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Community Psychiatry
- Forensic Psychiatry
- Treatment Modalities – Pharmacotherapy and Behaviour Therapies
- Ethics and Law in Mental Health

Textbooks:

Psychopathology: A Competency-Based Assessment Model for Social Workers 4th Susan W. Gray,
Marilyn R. Zide Cengage
ISBN-13: 9781305445536

Learning Outcome:

- Compare the theories underlying mental illness.
- Appraise the evolvement of treatment modalities for mental disorders.
- Discuss the symptomatology of the various types of mental disorders.
- Analyse the impact of mental illness on the family and suggest appropriate interventions
- Assess and plan treatment together with the multi-disciplinary team.
- Discuss the legal and ethical issues surrounding mental illness.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	50
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.