SW 4812 : MEDICAL SOCIAL WORK

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Objectives:

- To enable the students to develop appropriate values, knowledge, skills and techniques for effective Social Work practice in the field of Health.
- To enable the students to understand the psycho- socio- cultural realities associated with patient care in the Hospital and Community setting.
- To acquire the knowledge with respect to the inter-disciplinary approach for persons with disease and disability.

UNIT I

Medical Social Work: Definition and Objectives, Historical Development of Medical Social Work in the West and in India, Need for Medical Social Work in our Country, Current trends in Medical Social Work in India. Relevance of Sociology and its Practice of Medical Social Work - Medical Sociology: Definition and important concepts. Concept of patient as a person: Patient as a whole, Social Assessment of patient’s family, Preparation of Social Case Work history(With examples from field work practice), Patient’s Rights and Medical Ethics, Psycho-Social Problems of patients and families during the process of treatment and hospitalization, Palliative care and Pain Management. (10 Hours)

UNIT II

Concept of long term hospitalization: Impact of long term hospitalization on the patients and the families- Role and Functions of Medical Social Worker : Rural and Urban Community Settings, Promoting health needs and functions, Maternity and Children’s Hospital, Cancer, Chronic Illness (Diabetes, Nephritises, Cardio-Vascular Disorders, HIV/ AIDS, Tuberculosis) Blood Bank, Organ Transplant Centers, Trauma Care Centers, Hospice settings, NGOs managing Health Services and Hospitals. (10 Hours)

UNIT III

Concept of Disability: Causes, Management and Rehabilitation of Physical Disabilities-Rehabilitation: Definition, Objectives, Principles, Approaches and Models - Community Based Rehabilitation - Multi Disciplinary approaches in Medical Social Work: Importance of Team Work and Case Conference, - Role of the Medical Social Worker. (9 Hours)

UNIT IV

Organisation and Administration of Medical Social Work in a Hospital Setting- Role of the Medical Social Workers in the Department- Staff Developmental Programmes for Medical Social Workers- Application of various Social Work Methods in Hospital Setting- Specific skills required for Medical Social Work Practice. (8 Hours)
UNIT V

Field work in the Medical Social Work Practices- Role of the trainee- Importance of Supervision-Evaluating the current trends in the Field Work practices- Measures to strengthen Field Work practice- Inter-Disciplinar Studied, Medical Social Work Research.  

(8 Hours)

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- Health Care Law, ICFAI, Hyderabad
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- Indian Journal of Social Work, TISS, Mumbai
- Journal of Indian Council of Medical Research
- Social Welfare, CSWB, New Delhi