

SW456 Social Work and Community Health

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Course Objectives

- Understand the changing concept of health, health as development indicator, health and social science discipline.
- Develop a critical perspective of community healthcare services and programmes
- Planning social work intervention in community health settings.

Learning Outcome:

- Develop understanding on health and its relevant concepts, and as a development indicator
- Role and Scope of social science discipline in health
- Skill to identify community health needs and plan social work intervention

COURSE CONTENT

Unit I: Understanding Health

- Health: Meanings, Components, determinants of health
- Illness and Disease; Wellbeing and Quality of life
- Health and social development, Health status Measurement
- Contribution of Major Social Science Disciplines to Health and Medicine

Unit II: Health Services in India

- Community Health: needs and people's participation.
- Health Systems and Health Service Systems in India
- Health scenario of India: Epidemiology and etiology of major communicable and non-communicable diseases, Major National Health Programmes (Immunization, Family Planning, RCH)
- Nutrition and malnutrition: Concepts and Components

Unit III: Social Work interventions in Health Settings

- Health Education, Planning and Management
- Health extension and community outreach services
- Awareness and BCC: Concepts and Case Study (HIV/AIDS and Polio)
- Skills required by social work professionals in community Health settings

Textbooks:

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