SSW 5103: SOCIAL CASE WORK

Course Objectives

- Understand the basic concepts of casework as a primary method of social work
- To understand the values, principles, tools and techniques of case work
- Cultivate the ability to critically analyze, understand and intervene in the problems of individuals
- Develop appropriate skills and attitudes to work with individuals and to facilitate to apply case work theories in to practice

Course Outline

Unit I Introduction to Social Case work

Definitions, objectives, scope, philosophical assumptions and casework values. Historical developments of Case Work in West and India. Biestek's Principles of Social Casework

Components of Social Case Work: Person, Place, Problem and Process.

Unit II Process and skills in casework

Process in casework: Study, assessment, intervention (Treatment), evaluation, follow-up, and termination.

Case work Skills: communication skills, listening, Paraphrasing, Responding, Summarizing, Attending Questioning, Clarifying.

Unit III Tools and Techniques of helping in Social Case Work

Tools of Social Case Work: Listening, Interview, Observation, Relationship and Home visits

Techniques: Supportive Techniques, Counseling Techniques and Techniques of improving or enhancing the client's resources Records: Nature, types and purpose of recording

Unit IV Theories and approaches to case work

Psycho-social approach, Problem solving approach, Rational Emotive Therapy, Crisis Theory, Behavioural modification, Transactional analysis and Eclectic approach.

Unit V Application of case work method

Primary and secondary settings Application in - family, women, and child welfare settings Marriage counselling centres, schools settings Medical and psychiatric settings, correctional institutions Industry

Course Outcome

- The learners will be able to enhance their knowledge on working with individuals.
- The learners will be able to adopt social case work skills in their practice with individuals with problems.
- The learners will be empathetic in understanding the problems of the individuals.
- The learners will be able to handle the clients and record the case

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