



ANDHRA PRADESH STATE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Multidisciplinary Course

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SEMESTER-I

Introduction to Social Work

Credits: 2

2 hrs/week

Learning Outcomes:

By successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Understand the basic concepts relating to social work practice, values, principles of social work and social problems in India*
- 2. List out different approaches of providing help to the people in need.*
- 3. Acquaint the process of primary methods of social work*
- 4. Get to know the skills of working with individuals, groups and communities.*

Syllabus

Unit-I:(07Hrs)- Introduction to social work and concepts related to social work

Introduction to Social Work- Definition- Scope- objectives - Functions- social service, social welfare services, social reform, major social problems in India; Social work philosophy, values, objectives, principles, methods and fields of social work.

Unit-II:(09Hrs) Methods of Working with Individuals and Groups

Social case work –Definition-scope and importance of social case work, principles and process of social case work -Tools and techniques in social case work- Counselling skills. Social Group Work-Definition-scope- the need for social group work –Group work process - Principles of Group Work -Stages of Group Work-Facilitation skills and techniques.

Unit-III: (09Hrs)Workingwith Communitiesand Field Work in social work

Community – definition - characteristics- types- community organisation as a method of social work-definition-objectives-principles- phases of community organization - concepts of community development, community participation and community empowerment.

Field work in social work – Nature, objectives and types of field work - Importance of field work supervision.

Suggested Co-curricular Activities:(05 hours)

1. Divide the students into groups, each group containing not exceeding 10 students depending upon the total number of students in a class or section. Each group can search in internet about any one of the institutions which work for the welfare of children or women or elderly or scheduled caste and scheduled tribe children or differently abled persons or Juvenile homes or Correctional homes or hospitals or Mahila Pragathi pranganam or Swadhar project or any social welfare project or non governmental organizations (NGOs) to have an idea about welfare agencies working for the needy.
2. Ask each group to exchange and discuss the information with other groups in the classroom with the information they collected on Internet.
3. Group Discussion with the students- what type of community problems they observe in their villages/towns/cities? Ask them to tell what are the line departments which will help to solve the problems of their communities and suggest them what type strategies help the communities to empower.
4. Invited lectures/Training by local experts
5. Visit to a community
6. Assignments, Quiz etc.

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