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COURSE INTRODUCTION: SOCIAL CASE WORK

This course is for the first semester of Master of Social Work programme. As discussed in the first course titled- 'Social Work: History and Ideology', there are total six methods of social work, three primary and three secondary. Social Case Work is one of the most significant primary method. Case work implies dealing with individuals and their issues/problems on a one-to-one basis with the use of case worker's skills and techniques. This is one of the core course of social work that closely examines the concept of case work, its evolution as a method of social work, theories and approaches. This course is designed to introduce you to a range of important tools, models and techniques used by the case worker to deal with individual's problems. Objectives of this course is to orient the learners to the primary method of social work- case work, to understand the basic values and principles of social case work, to develop ability of establishing and sustaining working relationship with the client, to help the learner acquire skills of working with individual and families in various situations and settings and to understand the significant role of the case worker to empower individuals to take decisions,solve their problems and be self- dependent.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION (BLOCK-1)

In this course, the First Unit gives an introduction to the concept of social case work, objectives and historical development of case work. The Second Unit discusses the various aspects of case work like the individual, family and environment that surrounds the individual. The Third Unit explains the basic principles of social case work. The Fourth Unit discusses the four main components of case work: person, problem, place and process. Fifth Unit describes the tools used in case work like interview, home visit, recording and supervision. Sixth Unit analyses the significance of purposeful and professional relationship between the case worker and the client. In the Seventh Unit, there is detailed discussion on the approaches to case work and the Eighth Unit describes the theories of social case work.

While going through a unit, you will notice some along-side boxes, which have been included to help you know some of the difficult, unseen terms. Some "ACTIVITY' (s) have been included to help you apply your own thoughts. Again, we have included some "CHECK YOUR PROGRESS" questions in between at the end of the units. These have been designed to self-check your progress of study. It will be better if you solve the problems put in these boxes immediately after you go through the sections of the units and then match your answers with "ANSWERS TO CHECK YOUR PPROGRESS" given at the end of each unit.

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