



MANGALORE UNIVERSITY

Department of Social Work

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Paper SWH 403: WORKING WITH GROUPS

Objectives:

- Develop awareness about the specific characteristics of Group Work and its contributions as a method of social work intervention.
- Gain knowledge about group formation and the use of a variety of group approaches.
- Develop understanding of concepts, dynamics and small group theory in relation to all types of groups, e.g. family, staff, committee, long-term client groups.
- Identify the various situations and settings where the method could be used, in the Context of social realities of the country.

Course Content:

UNIT-I

Understanding Concepts of Social Group Work: Definition, Objectives, Scope, Purpose, Characteristics, History and Development of Social Group Work, Types of Groups in Group work Practice: Educational, Growth oriented, Remedial, Socialization, Task (committees, teams and councils), Therapeutic groups, Support groups- Stages of Group Development: Pre- affiliation, Power and Control, Intimacy, Differentiation, Separation.

UNIT-II

Distinctive Principles of Social Group Work: Process of Social Group work: Intake, study, analysis and assessment, negotiating contracts, treatment, evaluation, termination- Principles of social Group Work, Values in social group

UNIT-III

Factors of Group Formation: Selection of members, Goal formation, Contract for work, Dynamics of Group work: Bond, Subgroups, Role, Leadership, Isolates, Scapegoats, New comer, conflicts, decision making, group control, hostility, behavior contagion, Tools and Techniques of Group work, uses of relationships, conflict resolution, Verbal and nonverbal communication

UNIT-IV

Programme Planning: concept of programme, Importance of programme in group work practice, skills of group worker for group development, programme planning and implementation and programme evaluation, methods of group work: brainstorming, buzz group, role play, camps.

UNIT-V

Group work in various setting: role of group worker in various setting: schools, hospitals, industries, communities. Training volunteers in social group work, Group work Recording and Evaluation: principles, importance, types and technique

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