

GROUP PSYCHOLOGY / BEHAVIOUR IN GROUP CONTEXTS

INTRODUCTION

The study of the behaviour of persons within group contexts constitutes an essential angle of behavioural observation in the professional activities of social workers.

The main objective of this subject is to offer students a broad and up-to-date range of knowledge, both theoretical and practical, regarding the reality of human social groups.

Temporary aspects of group development and their physical, personal and social surroundings condition the interaction of group members and impact on group structures and processes.

This subject assists the student in developing their competencies in the areas of observation, participation and guidance of the different groups that social workers will encounter in social reality.

COMPETENCIES

- Broaden theoretical knowledge of models for intervention in group realities.
- Develop group observation skills and understanding and intervention in group processes.
- Obtain experiences of working in groups, developing attitudes toward cooperation to achieve common goals.
- Learn to design, participate in and lead work-team meetings and various social activities.

CONTENT

1. The psychosocial context of the group: Approaches to the group concept and types of groups. Formation, development and socialization of groups.
2. The group as condition and result of interaction: the physical, personal and social surroundings of groups. Group structure: status, role, rules and cohesion. Processes involved in group performance. Processes of social influence. Leadership within groups.
3. Groups in their context: Groups, organizations and society. Inter-group relations.
4. Areas of application of groups: Work-teams in organizations. Groups in social intervention.