

BASICS OF MEDICINE FOR SOCIAL WORK / BASICS OF MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

INTRODUCTION

This subject requires the study, at a level appropriate for social science studies, of the basic medical/health concepts and of the medical/biological situations relating to illness or health that most frequently give rise to demands on social services. Of crucial importance to this study is the work of the teacher in compensating for both the virtual non-existence of specific literature and the difficulties that students may have in studying texts and documents with medical/health content.

The subject is by necessity broad in terms of content, which makes it difficult (occasionally extremely so) to go into depth in studying the medical/health issues that are of interest to applied social sciences.

COMPETENCIES

- Knowledge of the commitments of health professionals and health structures, of public health and of health systems.
- Basic knowledge of the medical terminology necessary to adequately interpret medical/health documents required in social work and ability to participate efficiently in multi-professional teams when necessary (drug dependencies, children, mental health, etc.).
- Knowledge of particular circumstances of health or illness that may result in situations of “social need” in old age, childhood and during reproduction.
- Sufficient knowledge of those illnesses that most frequently result in situations of incapacity.
- Knowledge of the health risks that most frequently affect socially marginalized people and groups.

CONTENT

1. Concepts of health, illness and anomalies.
2. Health systems, medical/health activity, healthcare medicine, social and preventive medicine, public health.
3. Health aspects relating to age, infancy and reproduction.
4. List of illnesses commonly originating from the environment and ways of life (social, workplace, cultural).
5. List of illnesses commonly originating from individual characteristics (hereditary, degenerative).
6. List of illnesses with significant social consequences (neoplastic, metabolic, neurological and psychiatric).