

MEDICAL BASICS OF DISABILITY

INTRODUCTION

Knowledge acquired during the fifth term in *Basics of Medicine and Public Health*, being basic, is wide-ranging, general and essential, though in certain areas insufficient for those socio-health tasks that constitute an important part of social workers' activities.

The elective subject during the sixth term, *Medical Basics of Disability*, compensates and complements part of the limitations that are intrinsic to the obligatory subject studied during the fifth term. The anthropo-biological and medical/health knowledge acquired in *Basics of Medicine and Public Health* permit the direct study of socio-health issues particularly related to social work, focusing on one of its most defining features: what disabilities are and which disabilities most frequently produce situations of social need.

Disabilities are studied from two different perspectives: the illnesses that particularly frequently give rise to disability; and preventive and social aspects.

COMPETENCIES

- Know the features of changes in health that may give rise to the need for care and social support, with particular reference to the disabilities that may cause situations of dependency.
- Be able to participate in multi-professional teams offering care in situations of disability and dependency.
- Intervene with persons in situations of dependency and their families, using knowledge, resources and programmes to improve quality of life.
- Analyse situations facing persons with disabilities in order to establish a dependency diagnosis.

CONTENT

1. Concepts of deficiency, disability and impairment.
2. Relationship between disability and situations of dependency.
3. List of most frequently occurring illnesses that, in our environment, lead to disability and situations of dependency in adults and the elderly.
4. List of most frequently occurring illnesses that, in our environment, lead to disability in children.
5. Knowledge of care and prevention of disabilities and impairments in various groups and social environments.