

SOCIAL WORK IN THE SOCIAL-HEALTH CONTEXT

INTRODUCTION

Healthcare is one of the pioneering areas in social work intervention. The contribution of social work to medical disciplines assists and allows for bio-psycho-social approaches to health and illness. In-depth study of issues such as the determinants of health, lifestyles and inequalities in health, as well as the bases of social work in the public health system and attention to situations of vulnerability caused by the loss of the former, will complement knowledge previously acquired in other healthcare-related subjects.

COMPETENCIES

- Identify and understand social workers' competencies in healthcare institutions.
- Be able to participate within interdisciplinary and inter-institutional networks and teams, establishing agreements for co-operation.
- Study and analyse social factors impacting on problems of health and illness.
- Be able to identify and evaluate social needs relating to health problems and their repercussions in the lives of affected persons.
- Be able to analyse and design the care and support strategies necessary for each situation.
- Be able to analyse professional ethical issues and dilemmas arising in the course of the professional practice of healthcare-related social work.

CONTENT

1. The concept of health. Evolution of the various understandings of the term.
2. Determinants and inequalities in health.
3. State of health of inhabitants of Madrid. Analysis of social inequalities in health.
4. The public health system and the protection of health.
5. Social workers in healthcare services.
6. Promotion of good health and education for good health.
7. Healthy schools.
8. Healthy companies.
9. Support groups in health.
10. Social-health intervention projects.