

Sociology

Hrs. 20

Course Description

This course is designed to help student gain an understanding of sociology in the context of its relevance to nursing practice.

General objectives

Upon completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- Describe the concept of the family as a social unit and the status of the individual in the family
- Explain the dynamics of society and identify common social problems.
- Demonstrate ability to understand the socio cultural and economic aspects of the community in the light of their effects on health and illness.
- Utilise the knowledge and understanding of sociology in nursing practice.

Course Content

Unit-I Introduction

- Concept, scope nature and importance of sociology in nursing
- The socio cultural and economic aspects of the community and their effects in health and illness.

Unit-II The Individual

- Brief review of human growth and development.
- Effect of environment on childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age.
- The rights and responsibilities of the individual in a democratic society.

Unit-III The Family

- Family as a social institution and basic unit for health services.
- Basic needs of family its structure and relationships.
- Family life education: pre-marriage, marriage and parenthood.

Unit-IV The society

- Concept
- Group: Types, Structure, inter-group relationship, group cycle, group behaviour and group morale.
- Social changes, social control social stratification.
- Rural and urban society.
- Social problems: unmarried mothers, dowry system, prostitution drug addiction, alcoholism, delinquency, handicapped, and child abuse. Women abuse.
- Social agencies and remedial measures.

Unit-V The Community

- Definition, characteristics and culture.

Unit- VI Economy

- Resources of the country: natural, occupational agricultural, industrial etc.
- Social Security
- Population explosion: its effect in economy and the Need for population control.
- Budgeting fir a family, per capita income and its impact in health and illness.