

Syllabus Semester - I

Course Title: Theory and Skills of Working with Communities

Credit: 04

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

1. To Understand and analyze community as an evolving entity
2. To introduce community organization as a method of social work
3. To develop competencies and skills to engage with communities
4. To apply participatory and emancipatory approaches to community welfare

Unit I: Community: Concept and Dynamics

- Evolution of concept of Community
- Communities from Social Work Perspective
- Types- Tribal, Rural, Urban and Virtual Communities

Unit II: Community Organisation-I

- Concepts, Values and Assumptions
- Principles of Community Organisation (MG Ross & H. Y Siddiqui)
- Steps in Community Organisation

Unit III: Community Organisation -II

- Models of Community Participation (Jack Rothman & H. Y Siddiqui) 8
- Roles of Community Organiser
- Understanding Community Development & Community Organisation

Unit IV: Community Engagement

- Concept of Community Engagement
- Community Based Organizations: Ideological Orientation & Grassroots Governance
- Best practices of Community Engagement- Case illustrations

Unit V: Social Action: Emancipation through empowerment

- Social Action: Concept & Principles
- Models of Social Action: Elitist & Popular
- Advocacy and its types

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Web Link: Fundamentals of Community Engagement: A Sourcebook for Students

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