

Mental Health Classification and Legislation in Mental Health Social Work

SAVE THE DATE:

15 & 16 January 2024

9am to 5.30pm
Venue: NUS

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About the Course

Social work in mental health care requires that social work professionals develop a critical and reflexive position, understanding the context in which mental disorder is placed, and the bi-directional influences of socio-political factors on persons with mental illness and their families. Setting the context for care is critical for social work intervention to facilitate the recovery journey of our clients and their family caregivers.

This module provides an evolutionary coverage of mental health treatment; and how social work contributes to the recovery model today. It also provides a critical perspective into mental health diagnosis and classification, the role of mental health screening tools, legislations governing the care and treatment of persons, and related ethical issues in social work practice.

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the context in which mental illness is placed and the role of social work in mental health care; and how treatment concepts and ideologies have evolved over time.
2. Develop a critical understanding of mental health classification and diagnoses.
3. Apply the Integrated Illness Causation Model and systemic frame in mental health assessment and intervention.
4. Apply relevant mental health legislation and related legislation in social work interventions with persons with mental health condition.
5. Manage ethical issues underlying social work interventions with persons with mental health conditions.

Who Should Attend

- Have at least 3 years of experience working with clients with common mental health conditions;
- Preferably, have attended basic mental health education at the undergraduate level, mental health first aid training, or the Foundational Module in Mental Health with NUS SWK Department, etc.

About the Trainers

Tracy is principal medical social worker and family therapist with the Institute of Mental Health. She is also trained in crisis management and trauma-informed practices. Tracy is a certified Mental Health First Aid and Crisis Intervention Stress Management (Individual) Instructor.

Tracy spearheads the Staff Support and Assistance Programme in IMH that focuses on training and providing emotional support and intervention to staff who experience stressful or traumatic incidents. Apart from performing case management, psychoeducation, psychosocial and risk assessments, Tracy also provides individual, marital and family therapy to patients and their families.



Ms Tracy Wee
*Principal Medical Social Worker,
Institute of Mental Health*

Joanne has been working with patients with mental health conditions in the last 8 years in IMH. She has worked extensively with the multi-disciplinary team in forensic psychiatry, where she served offenders with mental health and addiction problems. Joanne presently focuses on providing psychosocial rehabilitation for patients who require middle to long term care in IMH due to their complex mental health and psychosocial needs.

Apart from case management, Joanne also provides counselling to patients, and is involved in the training of young social workers in the department, and to internal and external partners. Joanne has actively been involved in research studies, and is currently involved in an item analysis of achievement tests in an education programme.



Ms Joanne Chen
*Senior Medical Social Worker,
Institute of Mental Health*

Course Fees

Fee Description	Amount Payable (incl. GST)
Full course fees	\$1,853.00
Early Bird Tier Funding (*Applicable for Early bird or NUS Alumni)	\$926.50
Premium Tier Funding (*Applicable for Individuals working in organizations registered with NCSS or MOH)	\$1,111.80
Classic Tier Funding (*Applicable for all Helping Professionals)	\$1,297.10

***Early bird rate end on 14 December 2023.**

CPE Credits

Course participants are eligible for Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits with the Singapore Association of Social Workers (SASW). One CPE credit will be awarded for each contact hour. Approval of CPE credits are to be submitted through the CPE Log Book under each accredited professional's account.

Terms and Conditions

- Classes will be formed only when a minimum class size is being met. Organiser reserves the right to cancel or postpone any programme at short notice, or may change the modality of the class and at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason for such cancellations or postponements. Refund will be made if payment has been received.
- There will be no makeup lesson if participants miss any class.
- No withdrawal is allowed once the participant is being offered into the programme. Participants can either find a replacement to take his/her place or pay a penalty of 30% of the full course fees incl. GST.
- Photographs and/or videos may be taken during our programmes for audit purposes.