

Short Course: 2 Days

# A Critical Review of Mental Health Diagnosis, Treatment, and Social Work Practice

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Upskilling social workers in different stages of their careers and helping them stay relevant in the complex social landscape to better serve their clients.

## 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 bidirectional 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.

\*More information about the course and instructors' profiles can be found here:  
<https://fass.nus.edu.sg/swk/pc-in-mental-health-ssg/>

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

- Understand the context in which mental illness is placed and the evolvement of treatment and care concepts.
- Develop an understanding of mental health classification and diagnoses.
- Apply relevant mental health legislation and related legislation in social work interventions with persons with mental health condition.
- Understand the domains of mental state screening with persons with mental health condition
- Apply the Integrated Illness Causation Model and systemic framework in the assessment of mental illness
- Appreciate the roles of social workers in mental health social work

## Who Should Attend

Social workers, case managers and community-based counsellors in the medical and social sectors who:

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

## Course Fees

Fees Description	Total Payable (incl. GST)
Full course fees	\$1,962
Pricing after SSG Funding* (Singapore Citizen below 40 years / Singapore Permanent Resident)	\$1,062
Pricing after SSG Funding* (Singapore Citizen aged 40 years and above)	\$702

### **\*SSG Funding Information**

Learners must achieve a 'Competent' grade in assessment, to be eligible for SSG funding. Please note that learners may have to bear the full course fee (incl. GST) if they fail to meet this requirement.

All course fees stated are inclusive of GST

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### **Terms and Conditions**

1. 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.
2. There will be no makeup lesson if participants miss any class.
3. 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.
4. Photographs and/or videos may be taken during our programme for audit and marketing purposes.

### **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.