

**IVSEMESTER- SPECIALISATION-IV – (GSW)
SWS- 561: GERIATRIC SOCIAL WORK**

PROGRAMME OUTCOME:

Course Specific Objectives:

- Know the need of Geriatric Social Work in different settings
- Develop skills and knowledge to work as geriatric social worker with the elderly and their caregivers
- Imbibe policies and the role of NGOs in bringing qualitative changes in the life of the elderly.
- Develop the necessary skills and knowledge for making effective social work interventions in the field of Gerontology.
- Know and understand roles and responsibilities of geriatric social worker in different institutions for the elderly and End-of-Life care

Course Contents:

UNIT – I

Geriatric Social Work: Need and Scope; emerging areas of practice settings; Introduction to application of various Social Work Methods in Geriatric Social Work.

UNIT - II

Working with Elderly: Principles, techniques, skills, ethical aspects, and challenges. Building social support for elderly and especially for special populations such as living alone, homeless or widowed to enhance dignity, personal fulfillment, self determination.

UNIT - III

Working with Caregivers: Working with family members and caregivers, understanding caregivers' burden, building social support system for caregivers. Counselling, Crisis intervention, conflict management and mediation; Bereavement counseling, Advocacy, Assistance in navigating the bureaucracies (e.g. nursing home or homecare, grants social welfare, etc.) Training courses and caregivers support groups for family and other caregivers

UNIT - IV

Social work intervention: Case work, Group Work: Bio-psychosocial assessments of need that identify and address interconnected physical, psychological, life course and social needs; Counselling and solution focused brief therapy, Stress management, Advocacy, Support groups, skills training groups, Psychotherapeutic groups for elderly and their caregivers; Assessment of elder abuse (physical and emotional) and neglect, (including self neglect) Role of Help Age India and other prominent organisations working for the elderly; International scenario; National Policy on Older Persons, Legal and governmental welfare benefits for senior citizens in India.

UNIT - V

Working with Elderly Care Institutions: Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Geriatric Health Care Facilities, Senior Citizen Forums, and Dementia Care Centres; Roles and responsibilities of Geriatric Social Workers. Social Work Practice in End-of-Life Care: the quality of care for older people at the end of their lives.

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