

Unit HSC406: Sociology: Concepts in Health and Ill Health

Unit code: M/505/9502

RQF level: 4

Aim

The aim of this unit is for learners to gain an understanding of sociological concepts of health and ill health and their application to care practice in health and social care. It will enable learners to gain an understanding of the nature of contemporary society and its influences on the perception of health and ill health.

Learners will explore how society is structured in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, social class, family and households and its impact on health and wellbeing.

Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria

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To achieve this unit a learner must be able to:	Assessment of these outcomes demonstrates the learner can:
1. Describe the theoretical perspectives behind approaches to health and illness.	1.1 Describe 2 theoretical perspectives to health and illness. 1.2 Describe Parson's 'sickrole'. 1.3 Describe stigmatization and its potential affect upon service users.
2. Evaluate differing models of health used within health and social care.	2.1 Evaluate 2 different models of healthcare delivery. 2.2 Using the case study provided justify a model of healthcare delivery which would be most appropriate.
3. Discuss how social inequalities influence the life chances and health status of individuals.	3.1 Discuss how the government measure morbidity and mortality across the UK. 3.2 Describe what is meant by social inequality in health and what factors influence it. 3.3 Discuss the use of health education and health promotion to improve the health of the nation.

Suggested Resources

White, K. An Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Illness (Sage, 2008) ISBN:

Barry, A. and Yuill, C. Understanding the Sociology of Health: An Introduction (SAGE, 2011) ISBN: 9781446201886

Dillon, M. Introduction to Sociological Theory: Theorists, Concepts, and Their Applicability to the Twenty-first Century (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014) ISBN: 978-1118471920

Haralambos, M. and Holborn, M. Sociology: Themes and Perspectives (Collins Educational, 2013) ISBN: 9780007498826

Giddens, A. and Sutton, P. Sociology (Polity Press, 2013) ISBN: 9780745652931

Scambler, G (ed) (2008) Sociology as applied to Medicine. Saunders Elsevier

'Sociology of health and illness' journal available free on <http://on-linelibrary.wiley.com>
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