

BEHV 2017 MENTAL HEALTH IN THE COMMUNITY (UG CERT)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 500044

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Description Mental health service delivery in the community is now the main form of care for people across the lifespan living with mental and emotional disorders. The development of a wider range of pharmacological, psychological and psychosocial treatments has enabled many people to live productively in the community. This subject explores the changes in policy and practice in the development of integrated mental health care and the impact of these changes on the lives of people living with mental illness and their communities. Early intervention, resilience and recovery are concepts explored in this subject in terms of mental health and wellbeing.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Behavioural Science

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your HECS Band contribution amount via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Equivalent Subjects BEHV 2008 - Mental Health in the Community
BEHV 2015 - Mental Health in the Community (WSTC)

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in program 7170 - Undergraduate Certificate in Mental Health and Counselling.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify the theories and discourses underlying contemporary mental health care and treatment.
2. Understand major mental health disorders and identify a range of interventions and management approaches.
3. Critically describe the significant policy changes and implications for mental health service delivery.
4. Recognise the presentation of mental illness and emotional disorders in clients in community settings.

Subject Content

Mental health: contemporary theory, policy and practice issues.
Mental health literacy - understanding the diagnostic framework; signs and symptoms of mental illness.
Indigenous social and emotional wellbeing.
Cultural understandings of mental health and illness.
Navigating the mental health system.
The lived experience of mental illness.
Interventions in mental health and illness.
Advocacy and systemic change in mental health.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Portfolio	1,200 words	40	N	Individual
Quiz	3 x 20 minutes	20	N	Individual
Case Study	1,200 Words	40	N	Individual

Teaching Periods

Block B Session (2022)

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