MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY FOR DENTISTRY

Semmelweis University, Faculty of Dentistry
Name(s) of the Institute(s) teaching the subject: Institute of Behavioural Sciences

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Name of the subject: Medical Sociology for Dentistry
Credits: 1
Total number of hours: 28  lectures: 12  practices: 16
Type of the course (mandatory/elective): Mandatory
Academic year: First year II term
Code of the course: FOKMAG010_1A

The goals of the course in point of view of the education:
The aim of this course is to help students realise that social factors have a considerable influence on oral/dental health and dentistry. Social, economic and cultural factors have a great effect on the dentist-patient relationship, the way people make sense of their symptoms and seek dental help, their oral/dental health related behaviour as well as on the aetiology of oral and dental conditions.
By understanding how different societies are structured and organised and how the categories people belong to (gender, ethnicity, occupation, educational level, financial situation to name but a few) shape all aspects of their lives and opportunities, our hope is that students will better comprehend the social reality influencing the dental health status of people and the practice of dentistry for dentists.

COURSE SCHEDULE

The course will start with practicals on week 1. There is no lecture on week 1.
From weeks 2-8, there will be lectures only, no practicals.

lectures are held on Fridays, from 8.00 to 9.40 at NET Green lecture hall.

Week 1: 1-4 February Introduction to sociology, basic concepts and principles. (Practice)
Week 2: 11, February General health and oral health status through history (lecture)
Week 3: 18, February Social determinants of oral health and oral health related behaviour. (lecture)
Week 4: 25, February Intercultural dentistry (lecture)
Week 5, 4, March Patient expectations regarding dentistry: the theory and practice of dental patient satisfaction studies. (lecture)
Week 6: 11, March Norms, deviance and dentistry (lecture)
Week 7: 18, March – Covid and Sociology- a summary class. (lecture)
Week 8: 21-25 March Social inequality and health inequality- gender, age, ethnicity (practice)
Week 9: 28 March – 1 April Healthcare systems (practice)
Week 10: 4-8 April 21st century dentistry technological and socio-cultural changes (practice)
Week 11: 11-15 April Spring break
Week 12: 19-22 April Dental help seeking behavior, illness behavior (No school on Monday)
Week 13: 25-29 April The profession of dentistry (practice)
Week 14: 2-6 May Medicalisation in dentistry, cosmetic dentistry (practice)
Week 15 9-13 May – revision- exam practice

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Special academic work required for completion of the course:
Project work done in the practicals

Attendance on practices and lectures, replacement in case of missed sessions:

75% of practicals must be attended. One practical absence can be made up by undertaking an extra task set by the practical leader or by participating in the practical with another group

Consequences of absence from sessions and exams:
No signature is given if 75% of the practicals is not attended, the project work is not done

Method of checking acquired knowledge during the study period:
Completion of project work is required for getting a signature. The project work is graded and makes up 40% of the final grade.

Requirements of an accepted semester (signature of the lecturer):
Completion of project work and 75% practical attendance is required for getting a signature

Type of the exam:
written semi-final in the examination period (60% of the final grade)
The written exam will consist of multiple choice questions and an essay type case analysis where students are required to understand, explain and apply to the given case concepts and knowledge acquired in the course.
In order to undertake the exam successfully, students must know the material made available to them on the departmental home page as well as the textbook.
The material covered in the exam:
21st century dentistry technological and socio-cultural changes
Dental help seeking behaviour
Intercultural aspects of dentistry
Medicalisation in dentistry, cosmetic dentistry
Patient expectations regarding dentistry
Social determinants of oral health and oral health related behaviour
Social inequalities and inequalities in dental health
Socio-cultural aspects of pain
Systems of dental health care provision
The profession of dentistry

Grading of course:
40% - project work
60% - written semi-final

Grades:
0-50 points – 1
51-60 points -2
61-74 points -3
75-84 points -4
85 points and over 5

List of textbooks, lecture notes and recommended textbooks:
All lecture notes and slides are made available on Moodle (https://itc.semmelweis.hu/moodle/)
textbook: Graham Scrambler (ed) Sociology as Applied to Health and Medicine, Palgrave Macmillan 2018