

LECTURE 9

Application Sociology in Nursing

□ Sociology is a recent addition to the syllabus of medical education. □ Sociology is needed in general to all the medical professions and especially nursing because social conditions are sometimes responsible for health problems. Sociology helps to understand the relationship between disease and social condition. Man is an integral part of society Man does not exist alone. For health condition in sociological terms the emphasis is not on the handicap but one of the persons. So, as a Nurse should take care about the patients.

Economic condition and patient care:=-

If a patient belongs to family as a worker, the family will face economic problems and the patient will have the fear of poverty. In spite of the willingness of the patient nobody prefers to employ him. As a result, the patient is forced to lead poor life which leads to serious economic problems. So, the Nurse should feel their economic condition.

Importance of social environment: A patient with physical handicap should be understood in the context of his social aspect Psychological, social and vocational (professional) handicaps of the disabled person and patients are often related with false attitudes of the people. The nurse should understand the social environment for develop the patient health condition. Sociology helps Nurse to understand the social factors which from the barriers to treatment, rehabilitation and positive outcome. Nurse to understand the importance of supportive social factors in treating and rehabilitating the patient. Intervention measures: In the absence of social worker the Nurse may have to deal with family and other problems such as housing, finance, social, isolation and psychological disturbances of the patient. Intervention on finance and social security measures. Social change and treatment.

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Subject matter of Sociology:

Sociology is – the study of society – the science of social life –
the study of social relationships –
the study of human behavior in groups –
the study of forms of social relationships –
the study of social action – the study of social groups and social systems

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Nature of Sociology

1. Sociology is an Independent Science
2. Sociology is a Social Science not others.
3. Sociology is a Categorical and not a Normative (measure) Discipline
4. Sociology is a Pure Science and not an Applied Science
5. Sociology is Relatively an Abstract Science not a Concrete Science
6. Sociology is a Generalizing and not a Particular sing or Individualizing Science
7. Sociology is Both a Rational and an Empirical or experimental Sociology is a Pure Science and not an Applied Science – Each pure science may have its own applied field. – For example: physics is a pure science and engineering is its applied field. – Sociology as a pure science has its applied field such as administration, social work etc. Sociology tries to find out the general laws of principle about human interaction and association, about the nature, form, content and structure of human groups and societies.

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Scope of Sociology: Two different views about the scope of sociology. There is no one opinion about the scope of sociology. In the broadest sense,

Sociology is studying human interactions, their conditions and consequences. There are two main schools of thought among sociologists on this issue. – Specialistic or Formalistic School – Synthetic School

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Specialistic or Formalistic School In this group of sociologists demarcates or limited, Sociology clearly from other branches of social study and confines it to the “enquiry into certain defined aspects of human relationship” or “Sociology as pure and independent”. Sociology has a limited field of enquiry and deals those problems which are not dealt with other social science. – Specialistic or Formalistic(form) School.

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Synthetic School The other group maintains that the field of social investigation is too wide for any other social science and “Sociology as special social science” Such as Economics, Anthropology, History, etc. there is also consider of a “Sociology is a general science”. Sociology studies everything and anything under the sun. – Synthetic School

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