

National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (Institute of National Importance)

Bangalore-560029

The Department of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS invites applications for one month certificate course on 'Psychosocial care in Neurology'.

About the Course

Psychosocial care is essential in the toolkit of all professionals working with neurological disorders. Good psychosocial care also recognises the challenges to the professionals involved. The practice of psychosocial care needs to be founded on a secure base of knowledge, skills and values. Social work, as a profession, is committed to enabling and empowering individuals to achieve optimum level of functioning at the individual, family and community realms. To do justice to this commitment, there is a constant need to develop and update the body of knowledge as well as practice skills. This program is aimed to provide practical and theoretical exposure to build the capacity to deal with psychosocial dimensions of neurological conditions in the framework of palliative care, rehabilitation and disease management model. Through this programme, the students will receive case based learning, direct case supervision and mentoring from faculty of various departments.

Course Learning Objectives: At the end of the course, the participant would be able to -

- ❖ Assess the array of bio-psycho-social issues in Neurological conditions
- ❖ Enhance the understanding of neuroscientific basis of psychosocial variables as well as therapeutics.
- ❖ Improve knowledge and skill in providing advanced psychosocial care in neurological disorders including palliative care and psychosocial genetic counselling.
- ❖ Reintegration into the community and long term psychosocial care plan for chronic neurological conditions.

Who can attend: Masters in Social Work, Health care professionals with masters level training with clinical experience obtained through a regular full time course from a recognized university. Students in the final year training of Social Work may also apply.

Duration: One Month full-time, on-campus.

The course of March 2019 is now open for application.

Number of Seats: Maximum 4 per intake in every batch.

Fee Payable: Rs.3000/- payable on selection (non-refundable)

Procedure for Application: The interested candidates should send their application on a plain paper along with the following documents:

1. Bio data with a recent passport size photograph and full postal address with email id and phone number.
2. Research and work experience related documents, if any
3. One page write up on why they want to pursue the training

Selection will be done based on the eligibility. If found eligible, the candidate will be informed of the same and asked to join.

Accommodation: The candidates need to make their own accommodation arrangements. Limited hostel accommodation may be offered only on prior request and is subject to availability-contact NIMHANS academic section upon selection.

Course Coordinator: Dr Priya Treasa Thomas.
Associate Professor,
Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS.

**Hard copies of the application along with supporting documents should be sent to the following address, with the mention in the cover 'Certificate Course on Psychosocial care in Neurology'.
Pl send a soft copy of the same to priyathomasat@gmail.com.**

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Certificate Course facilitators: Faculty from various departments of NIMHANS

Last date for receiving the applications for the March batch: 22nd February 2019

Intimation of selected candidates: 25th February 2019

Course starts on: 1st March 2019

For any clarification: Please contact: Dr. Priya Treasa Thomas (Course Coordinator), Associate Professor, Dept of Psychiatric Social Work, M.V. Govindaswamy Center, NIMHANS, Bangalore-560029. Ph: 080 26995232; 9880251914

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