

23rd International Project Week **12th – 16th July 2021**

Lecturer: Anna Adamus-Matuszyńska

University/Company: Uniwersytet Ekonomiczny w Katowicach

Country: Poland

Ethical challenges for social workers during the covid-19 pandemic.

Content:

The main aim of the course is to identify and discuss the ethical dilemmas that social workers face during the covid-19 pandemic. The second goal is to identify ethical solutions to the identified ethical problems.

Content:

1. Ethical Theories: Overview
2. Human rights – how to protect them in the pandemic?
3. Social worker in the pandemic
4. How to create and maintain trusting, honest and empathic relationships via phone and internet with due regard to privacy and confidentiality, or in-person with protective equipment?
5. How to prioritise service user needs and demands, which are greater and different due to the pandemic, when resources are stretched or unavailable and full assessments often impossible?
6. How to balance service user rights, needs and risks against personal risk to social workers and others, in order to provide services as well as possible?
7. How to handle emotions, fatigue and the need for self-care, when working in unsafe and stressful circumstances?

Methods:

1. Introductory or summary mini-lectures|
2. Case studies analysis|
3. Roleplay in simulated situations|
4. Developing a project to solve ethical dilemmas in specific situations|
5. Discussions and debates on ethical issues in the practice of a social worker in the pandemic era.

Competences and skills to be acquired:

Students will develop the following competences:

1. Knowledge:

- get to know various approaches to ethical issues
- learn about basic human rights
- learn how to solve ethical dilemmas

2. Skills:

- the ability to communicate difficult matters to those under care,
- the ability to choose priorities in risky situations,
- learn how to analyse ethical problems in the work of a social worker in a crisis situation

3. Social skills:

- develop professional competence of social workers

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites required.

Language of instruction:

English

Recommended for:
Social Sciences