Module Name: Contemporary Issues in Mental Health Nursing
Module Code: NU4P01
ECTS: 5
No. of Hours: Lectures 20
Term: Michaelmas
Assessment Date: Week 16
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Aims

This module will provide students with an opportunity to critically examine a range of contemporary issues which impact on the practice of psychiatric mental health nursing in Ireland including; working in an ethnically diverse society, mental health policy and legislation, the involvement of service users and carers and the development of professional practice within an interdisciplinary context.

Learning Outcomes

Following completion of this module the student should be able to:

- Critically discuss the national and international factors that influence psychiatric and mental health nursing in Ireland today.
- Critically examine current mental health policy in Ireland and its impact on psychiatric mental health nursing.
- Critically explore the role of consumers/service users in the planning and development of the mental health services in Ireland.
- Explore contemporary professional issues that impact on current and future mental health nursing practice, education and research.

Indicative Content

Legal perspectives and their influence on mental illness: Mental health service development and the law/Critique of Mental Health Act 2001/The role of the Mental Health Commission.

Contemporary issues in Mental Health & Social Policy: Mental health policy and mental health nursing/policy formation and mental health nursing.

Consumer/Service User Perspectives: Recovery/Service user involvement in mental health service development and Research/Consumer and family narratives on mental health and illness/Service users – experts by experience/Ethical issues associated with service user involvement/Challenges to service user involvement.

Professional Issues: Transcultural issues and mental health nursing/ Interdisciplinary care/Professional Development and Career Pathways for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing/ Nurse prescribing and mental health nursing/The future of Mental Health Nursing/clinical supervision.
Teaching and Learning Activities

- Lectures
- Directed Learning

Student Effort Hours

- 100

Assessment

Mode of Assessment: Unseen Examination

Assessment Details:
- 2 Hours
- Answer 2 questions out of 4

Reading List

Essential Reading


Recommended Reading


