

MBPC4022 COMMUNITY HEALTH (3-0-0)

Course Objective:

- Understand foundational concepts of community and public health nursing, including health promotion, disease prevention, and epidemiology.
- Analyze community health indicators such as morbidity, mortality, and social determinants of health.
- Educate individuals and groups on health promotion, protection, and disease prevention using culturally competent strategies.

Module-1

Introduction of Community Health: Concept of Community Health, Scope, principles, and functions of community health, Ethical, legal, and socio-cultural issues. Management & organization of healthcare services at the community level (Primary Healthcare Centres, Community Health workers), Concept of Epidemiology

Health Concepts and Determinants: Dimensions of health (physical, mental, social, spiritual) Determinants of health (biological, environmental, behavioural, socio-economic), Natural history of disease and levels of prevention

Module-2

History of public health and public health administration, Globalisation and Its Impact on Health, Roles and Responsibility of State, Community and Private Sector in Health

Health Policies and Planning: National Health Policy (1983, 2002, 2017), Five-Year Plans and health committees, National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Ayushman Bharat, Universal Health Coverage

Module-3

Health Education and Communication: IEC/BCC strategies, Use of media and technology in health education, Planning and evaluating health education programs, Health management information systems (HMIS), Global health issues and agencies (WHO, UNICEF, etc.)

Course Outcomes:

- CO1 Demonstrate understanding of public health systems and their strategic role in healthcare delivery.
- CO2 Communicate health information effectively to diverse populations using culturally appropriate methods.
- CO3 Design and evaluate health programs that address key issues like maternal health, infectious diseases, and chronic conditions.
- CO4 Interpret health policies and reforms to assess their impact on population health and healthcare organizations.

Text Books:

1. Introduction to community Health (Concepts), Dr. Peter Simoonga
2. Introduction to community & Public Health, Manoj Sharma, Paul W. Branscum, Ashutosh Atri