

Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work Counselling (PGDCOUN)

Assignment: 2025-2026

Course Titles

MSW-001	: Origin and Development of Social Work
MSW-012	: Introduction to Life Characteristics and Challenges
MSW-013	: Introduction to Psychological Basis of Counselling
MSW-014	: Relevance of Social Case Work in Counselling
MSW-015	: Basics of Counselling
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Last Date of Submission of Assignments to the Study Centre

July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027

January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027



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Dear Learner,

Welcome to the PGDCOUN programme of IGNOU. You have purposefully chosen to become a post graduate in Social Work Counselling to contribute towards improving the social conditions of people. To successfully complete your PGDCOUN program, kindly follow the following tips:

- Read the programme guide before you begin your studies. It will clarify most of your doubts regarding how to go about doing the PGDCOUN Program from IGNOU.
- Submit your assignments to the Study Centre on time.
- Be in touch with your Study Centre and Regional Centre
- Meet your Field Work Supervisor (FWS) at the Study Centre for Fieldwork Supervision
- Fill up the examination form on time.

Assignments are open book examination and we at IGNOU assign 30 per cent weightage to the assignment while calculating the overall grade for each course. **Assignments are to be handwritten and duly signed before its submission in the Study Centre.** In order to prepare a good set of assignment responses, you must first of all read the units) from which a particular question has been framed. Discuss with your peer-group and academic counselors who teach you. Prepare a draft, do the necessary correction on it and then, prepare the final version for submission to the Study Centre.

Make sure that each answer starts on a new page. For long and medium answers, ensure that there is an introduction, sub-titles, body and a conclusion. One line should be left between each paragraph. Make sure your answers are specific and in your own words and do not copy from books. Your answers will be exclusively based on the IGNOU materials only. Preparation of assignments is preparation for your term-end examination. Therefore take the assignments seriously.

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Relevance of Social Case Work in Counselling ASSIGNMENT

**Course Code : MSW-014
Total marks: 100**

Note: (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. **1** and **2** should not exceed **600** words each.

- 1) Trace the origin and development of Social Case Work as a professional method. Discuss its processes and knowledge base. 20

Or

Examine the scope of Social Case Work practice. Discuss the nature of problems addressed through case work and explain its application. 20

- 2) 2. Explain the importance of documentation in Social Case Work. Discuss its purpose and functions in professional practice. 20

Or

Discuss the nature, scope and application of Social Case Work in Family Settings. 20

- 3) Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words each:

- a) Describe the four components of Social Case Work (Person, Problem, Place, and Process) and explain their significance in casework practice. 10
- b) Define Social Diagnosis. Explain its objectives and the various stages involved in social diagnosis. 10
- c) Discuss the major interviewing skills and techniques required for effective Social Case Work practice. 10
- d) Discuss major roles of a social case worker in Health Care Settings. 10

- 4) Answer any four of the following questions in about 150 words each:

- a) Explain the similarities and differences between Social Case Work and Counselling. 5
- b) Briefly discuss the framework for Social Case Work practice. 5
- c) Explain the process of conducting a professional interview in Social Case Work and describe its major stages. 5
- d) Enlist the planning and preparation required before conducting a Social Case Work interview. 5
- e) Describe the diagnostic purposes of Social Case Work interviews. 5
- f) Explain the special features of a Social Case Work interview. 5

- 5) Write short notes on any five of the following questions in about 100 words each:

- a) Mary Richmond's contribution to social case work 4
- b) Case Management 4
- c) Medical Model v/s Wellness Model 4
- d) Confidentiality 4
- e) Structured and Unstructured Interview 4
- f) Recording 4
- g) Home Visit 4
- h) Assessment in Social Case Work 4