

# **Post Graduate Diploma in Social Work Counselling (PGDCOUN)**

**Assignment: 2025-2026**

## **Course Titles**

<b>MSW-001</b>	<b>: Origin and Development of Social Work</b>
<b>MSW-012</b>	<b>: Introduction to Life Characteristics and Challenges</b>
<b>MSW-013</b>	<b>: Introduction to Psychological Basis of Counselling</b>
<b>MSW-014</b>	<b>: Relevance of Social Case Work in Counselling</b>
<b>MSW-015</b>	<b>: Basics of Counselling</b>
<b>MSW-016</b>	<b>: Fields of Counselling</b>

**Last Date of Submission of Assignments to the Study Centre**

**July, 2025 Session – March 31, 2026**

**January, 2026 Session – September 30, 2026**



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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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# Fields of Counselling

## ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-016

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. Discuss Durkheim's theory of suicide. Highlight importance of comprehensive assessment of suicidal behaviour for effective counselling. 20  
Or  
Explain Indian view of mental health. Delineate models of mental health practice. 20
2. Discuss scope, importance and processes of counselling of juveniles in Institutional care in India. 20  
Or  
Discuss concept, principles and processes of career counselling. 20
3. Answer any two of the following questions in about 300 words each:
  - a) Explain principles of counselling with suitable illustrations. 10
  - b) What are family courts? Discuss increasing relevance of family courts in India. 10
  - c) Enlist chief causes of suicide in India. 10
  - d) Highlight salient provisions of Protection of Woman from Domestic Violence Act., 2005. 10
4. Attempt any four of the following in about 150 words each:
  - a) Write status of children in dysfunctional families. 5
  - b) Enlist various roles assumed by the counselor in working with families and children 5
  - c) Discuss various factors influencing the counselling outcomes. 5
  - d) Explain scope of hospital counselling services in India. 5
  - e) What is caregiving? Enlist major types of caregivers. 5
  - f) What is hospice care? Discuss its emerging relevance in Indian context. 5
5. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 100 words each:
  - a) Judicial Separation 4
  - b) Spritual Assesment 4
  - c) ELISA 4
  - d) Crisis Counselling 4
  - e) Peer Counselling 4
  - f) Delirium 4
  - g) Stress Diagnosis 4
  - h) Gmogram 4