

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will continue to introduce the learner to the holistic care of individuals and families experiencing ongoing physical, cognitive, and mental health challenges. The role of the PSW in rehabilitative and restorative care will be examined.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Act within the personal support worker role, under supervision and by following care/service plans and established policies and procedures.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Demonstrate accountability for own learning, personal enhancement, and professional growth in the personal support worker role.
- Identify community and self-help agencies that offer support to clients, who have health challenges, and their families.

2. Participate as a member of care/service teams in both community and institutional settings.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the role and responsibilities that the care/service team, including personal support workers, have in providing optimum support and care for clients, who have health challenges, and their families.
- Define rehabilitation and restorative care.
- Describe the goals of rehabilitation and how rehabilitation and restorative care involves the whole person.
- Explain the role of the client, family, and the team in the rehabilitation process.

3. Use, under supervision, basic knowledge, care/service plans, and established policies and procedures.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe cancer, the treatment that client's may require, and the care for clients who have cancer.
- Describe common cardiovascular disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.
- Describe common respiratory disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.
- Describe common neurological disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.

- Describe common integumentary disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.
 - Identify the causes and responses of brain and spinal cord injuries and the care for clients who have these injuries.
 - Describe common musculoskeletal disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.
 - Describe the care for clients who have casts, traction, hip fractures, and amputations.
 - Describe common endocrine disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.
 - Describe common digestive disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.
 - Describe common urinary disorders and the care for clients who have these disorders.
 - Describe common communicable diseases, the care for clients who have these diseases, and the role of the personal support worker in preventing the spread of communicable diseases.
4. Provide client-centered and client-directed care under supervision and by following care/service plans and established policies and procedures in both community and institutional settings.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify actions that a personal support worker can implement to promote safe and competent care for diverse clients who have health challenges.
 - Define confusion, delirium, and dementia.
 - Identify causes of confusion, delirium and dementia and the signs and symptoms that the client may exhibit.
 - Describe the stages of dementia and the care required by clients with dementia.
 - List examples of challenging behaviours, possible causes, and interventions that the personal support worker can use to respond to these behaviours.
 - Describe the effect that caring for clients who have dementia has on family members and caregivers.
5. Make, collect, and report to the supervisor relevant observations in an ongoing and timely manner and record this information promptly.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify signs, symptoms and responses that clients may experience with ongoing health conditions.
- Identify potential observations and reportable changes that may occur in a client's usual condition, health state, situation and/or routine activities of daily living.

6. Communicate effectively and appropriately using oral, written, and non-verbal methods.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Use correct medical terminology to describe responses manifested by clients who have common disorders and conditions.

7. Assist in the promotion and maintenance of a safe and comfortable environment for clients, their families, self, and others.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify the measures to maintain comfort, relieve pain, and prevent complications that can occur in clients who have health challenges.
- Describe major mental health disorders and the effects on everyday life for clients and their families.
- Describe the stigma experienced by people who have mental health disorders.
- Identify the warning signs for suicide threat and the measures that the personal support worker would implement.

8. Perform the personal support worker role in an ethical manner and within the law.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the influence that legislation and ethics has on the role and responsibilities of regulated health professionals and unregulated health care providers with regard to mental health disorders and dementia disorders.

III. TOPICS:

1. Cancer
2. Cardiovascular disorders
3. Respiratory disorders
4. Neurological disorders
5. Musculoskeletal disorders
6. Endocrine disorders
7. Digestive disorders
8. Urinary disorders
9. Communicable diseases
10. Rehabilitation and restorative care
11. Mental health disorders
12. Management of health conditions/challenges (physical/mental)
13. Confusion and dementia
14. Integumentary disorders

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

Supplemental Exam:

Supplemental exams will be offered to students who achieve a mark between 56 and 59% and have also attended 80% of classes and written all four tests.

Extenuating Circumstances (Test Absence)

If there is absence from a test due to extenuating circumstances, upon professor's approval, alternate arrangements may be available. As per individual consideration, student may be granted a maximum of a passing grade for the missed test.

VII. COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDUM:

The provisions contained in the addendum located on the portal form part of this course outline.