UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Maltreatment and Abuse: Medico-Legal and Criminological Aspects

2425-2-I0102D118

Aims

The course aims to present the different types of violence (ecologic model, definitions, problem size) and their legal framework, to explain the medico-legal approach in cases of suspected maltreatment/abuse and to illustrate, with the help of clinical cases, psychological signs of maltreatment/abuse and the traumatic developments in minor abuse victims (shaken baby syndrome, battered child syndrome, female genital mutilation).

Contents

Medico-legal and criminologic aspects of abuse and neglect.

Detailed program

Violence is a complex problem and it is increasing above all on women and girls and it is necessary to see it in order to protect the weakest subjects. From a judicial fact, today it has become a health and more generally a social problem, thus determining the need to train health workers to the awareness of violence in society, acquiring knowledge for the identification of abuse in its various forms, recognizing the early signs and events, mainly to prepare the appropriate and necessary therapeutic measures, to activate a social intervention and to possibly activate the judicial agencies.

Prerequisites

Registration for the 2?? year course

Teaching form

Face-to-face classroom: Lectures in delivering type in Italian language and presentations of forensic cases (clinical and judiciary), in the e-learning page some study materials will be uploaded to the course web page.

In case of emergency situations (natural disasters, weather warnings (deluge, floods), uprisings, pandemics, etc.) online teaching-classroom with synchronous lectures online on the Webex platform.

Textbook and teaching resource

Italian Court Judgments, guidelines and other educational material uploaded on the e-learning website

Liotti G. e Farina B. Sviluppi Traumatici. (2011) Raffaello Cortina Editore, Milano.
Romito P. e Melato M. La violenza sulle donne e sui minori. (2013) Carocci Faber Editore, Roma.
Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (OMS) Quaderni di Sanità Pubblica. Violenza e salute nel mondo. Rapporto dell'Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (parte prima), CIS Editore, Milano, 2002
Merzagora I. Introduzione alla Criminologia. (2023) Cortina Editore.
AAVV Amore senza lividi. Storie di guerriere senza paura. (2021) Edizioni San Gennaro.

Semester

2?? semester

Assessment method

written exam (multiple choice quiz)

Office hours

Face-to-face or online via webex by appointment arranged via e-mail.

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