Trends and issues in guidance and counseling

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Need for guidance and counselling in education

Increasing number of aspirants in all sectors of education

- Expansion and diversification of courses of study
- Mounting number of unemployed graduates
- Growing unrest and disturbances in educational campuses

Uncertainties in career and higher education

Help given by one person to another in making choices & adjustments in solving problems

Further it aims at aiding the recipients to grow in his independence and ability to be responsible for himself

To guide/ direct / lead

Considered with the best development of the student

Counseling

Specialized service and an enabling process , designed to help an individual come to terms with his/ her life and grow to greater maturity through learning to take responsibility and make decision for himself Counseling enables the individual to know himself ,his present , possible future situations so that he / she make substantial contributions to the society and solve his/ her problems.

Scope of Guidance and counseling in education

Assisting students to draw up their own plans of academic & non academic pursuits , arrive at decisions to implement plans

Helping individuals to realise potentials and make optimum contributions to growth of the society

Help a person to solve his/her problems , make proper choice and adjustments.

- Providing assistance to teachers in their efforts to understand their students.
- Enable students to acquire abilities which promote self direction & self realisation
- Guidance & counseling aims at developing students qualities such as perseverance, dedication, sincerity, devotion, positive outlook, respect for other's views & temperament.

Types of guidance

- Educational guidance
- Vocational guidance
- Personal guidance
- Health guidance

Strategies for guidance

Individual approach

Group approach

Individual approach

Targets on a single student

Special learners require special attention

- Gifted
- Creative
- Slow learners
- Learners with difficulty in learning



Group approach

Must be organized for disseminating educational information of a general nature

Students with Common problems



Approaches to counseling

Directive counseling

Nondirective counseling

Eclectic counseling

Group counseling

Types Of Guidance & Counseling in education

Precollege orientation

Career days and assemblies

College representatives are invited

Information is given on entrance ,pre entrance examinations ,fees ,scholarships ,educational opportunities ,Extracurricular activities

Preadmission psychological testing

Preadmission tests are administered

E.g. aptitude tests , interest inventories , study habit tests

Combination of test results and student's grades are used for guidance of the student

Vocational counselling/Career counseling

Designed to assist student in selecting feasible occupational goals, to make suitable educational plans & help them progress toward the attainment of selected goals

Personal adjustment counseling

Provided for students who have problems in social or emotional adjustment or personality problems

Physical & mental health services

Include:

Identification of mental or physical health problems

provision of medical services to aid the student in regaining & maintaining health & in preventing illness.

Disciplinary counseling

Objective of disciplinary counseling is to treat discipline as a learning experience rather than as a punishment.

Emphasis is placed on attempting to modify the student's behaviour by substituting socially acceptable attitudes.

Religious guidance & counseling

Participation in religious activities tend to enrich the student's college and post college life.

Religious counsellors collaborate with other counsellors on campus to assist students

Biblical counselling



Pre-marriage counseling : deals with relationships and preparation for marriage

Marriage counseling : toward helping married students who have problems with marriage relationships , parental problems or problems with themselves.

Counseling & related fields

Psychotherapy is the use of psychological methods, particularly when based on regular personal interaction, to help a person change and overcome problems in desired ways.



Psychotherapy aims to improve an individual's wellbeing and mental health, to resolve or mitigate troublesome behaviours, beliefs, compulsions, thoughts, or emotions, and to improve relationships and social skills

Clinical psychology

Concerned with description classification , diagnosis
& prognosis of psychological illnesses.

Clinical psychologist functions in a clinical setting & helps in making diagnosis in association with psychiatrist.

Counseling as hygiology

Hygiology is the study of the problems of normal people & prevention on incidences of serious emotional difficulties.

Counseling could be more appropriately concerned with hygiology than with psychopathology

Counseling as a helping relationship & a solution to human problems.

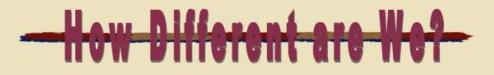
A major source of suffering is found to be one's own personality.

Aims at helping clients accept themselves as they are.

To help individuals reach a stage or state of self autonomy through self understanding , self direction and motivation.



Multicultural counseling





Here comes....Multicultural Counseling







Cyber counseling/ online counselling / ecounseling

Counseling services that are offered via e-mail, real time chat & video conferencing may or may not be combined with psychotherapy



Workplace counseling

Impact of personal Problems on workplace

- Depression, frustration, anxiety and stress
- Excessive absenteeism
- Theft
- Dissatisfaction at workplace
- Alienation from co-workers
- Low concentration
- Hypertension



Family counseling

Provides assistance to families in times of behavioural problems / depressive symptoms





GERIATRIC COUNSELING

Done among elderly in times of behavioural problems / depressive situations





Issues that require counseling



Stress management

depression & self harm

Anger management

Child abuse/harassment

Memory and concentration

Adjustment with parents

Adjustment in school/ college

Infatuation/ love affairs

Truancy

Gambling

Substance abuse

Career guidance

Domestic violence

Issues for counselling in nursing

In India organized guidance & counselling services are rarely available.

In nursing faculty advisors/ coordinators perform these services for nursing students

Nursing supervisors provide guidance counselling for staff

Referrals are made to professional counsellor or a psychiatrist when required.

Absence of trained counsellors

Lack of organized guidance & counseling services

Lack of training /faculty development toward development of counselling skills

Inadequate provision of budget for personnel workshops, training resources & facilities Negative consequences if timely referrals are not done

Lack of counselling culture

Lack of awareness about counselling sevices

Non compliance with counselling interventions

Ethical and moral issues

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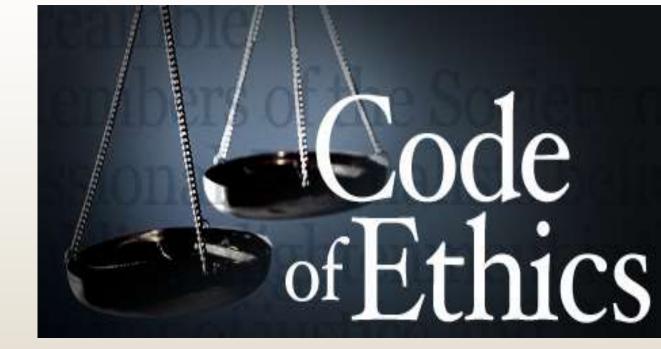
Autonomy

Justice

fidelity

Beneficence

Nonmaleficience



STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: A NEW APPROACH

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SAPS programs to address psychosocial concerns that may interfere with academic performance.

Short term counseling

