

Abstract

The diploma thesis "The role of a social worker in a psychiatric hospital - challenges and limits of work" deals with the profession of a social worker in a psychiatric hospital. The diploma thesis normally consists of a theoretical and an empirical part.

The theoretical part is focused on mental illness, the characteristics of serious mental illness, the profession of a social worker working in

a psychiatric hospital, multidisciplinary cooperation, the specifics of working with the mentally ill, the reform of psychiatric care and the organization of inpatient psychiatric care in the Czech Republic.

In the empirical part, the qualitative research methodology is described and the data, which are the result of semi-structured interviews with social workers and their clients, are interpreted.

At the end of the thesis, the main research question is answered, recommendations for practice and proposals for further research are included.

Keywords

Social worker, social work, healthcare, psychiatric care, mental illness, psychiatric care reform, the role of social worker, multidisciplinary team