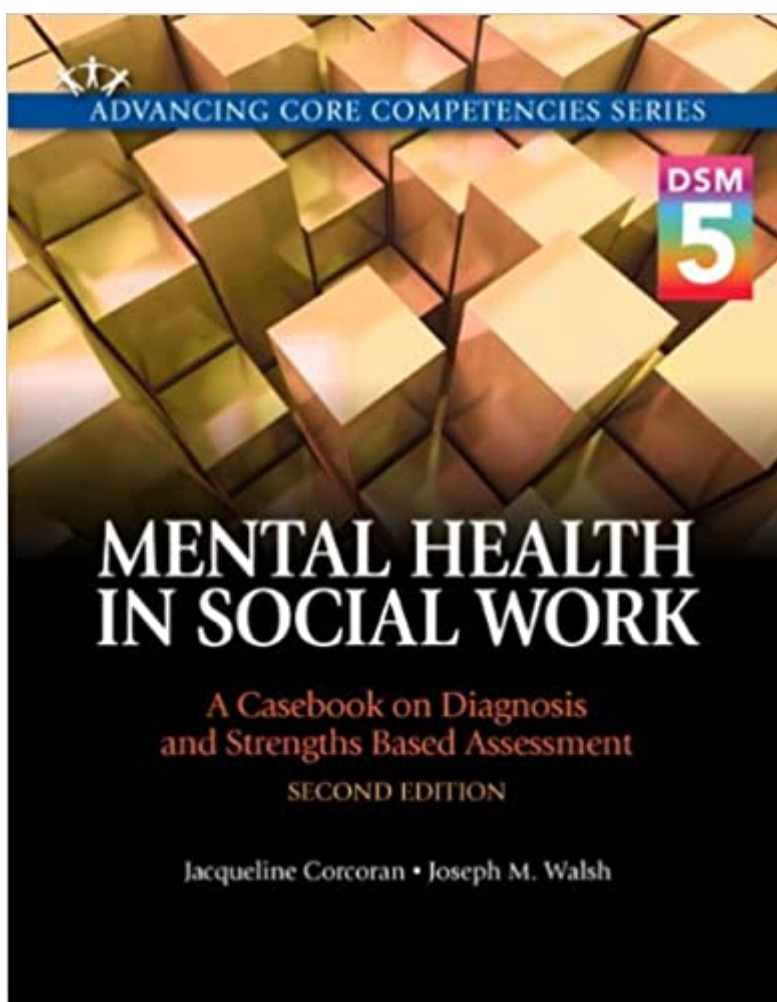


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# Mental Health In Social Work: A Casebook On Diagnosis And Strengths Based Assessment (DSM 5 Update) (2nd Edition) (Advancing Core Competencies)





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Uses a case study method to teach students clinical assessment skills for working in the mental health field. This title is also available as a more affordable e-book. Organized by types of disorders, *Mental Health in Social Work: A Casebook on Diagnosis and Strengths-Based Assessment* emphasizes DSM diagnoses of mental disorders that are commonly seen in clinical and social service settings. Becoming conversant with the DSM will allow readers to: 1) offer clients appropriate referrals and treatment; 2) communicate effectively with other mental health professionals; and 3) be eligible for third-party reimbursement. While gaining competence with DSM diagnosis, the reader will also learn to understand clients holistically as they proceed with the assessment and intervention process. In this update, the ordering of the chapters and content in the chapters themselves have been revised to reflect the changes in the DSM-5. Learning objectives are now included in each chapter. Advancing Core Competencies Series - As part of the Advancing Core Competencies Series, this title is designed to help students apply CSWE's competencies and practice behaviors examples to specialized fields of practice. Readers will gain experience answering licensing-type higher-level thinking questions tied to the competencies. Instructors, visit [pearsonhighered.com/etextbooks](http://pearsonhighered.com/etextbooks) to register for your digital examination copy, or contact your Pearson Representative to learn more.

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Assessment First Edition By: Jacqueline Corcoran (Virginia Commonwealth University) Joseph M. Walsh (Virginia Commonwealth University) Basic Approach Mental Health in Social Work: Diagnosis and Strengths-Based Assessment, uses a case study method that teaches students clinical assessment skills. Consistent with social work's concern with strengths and the environmental context for human behavior, Mental Health in Social Work covers strengths-based assessment and the biopsychosocial risk and resilience perspective. Features Organized by types of disorders, this workbook emphasizes DSM diagnosis of mental disorders that are commonly seen in clinical and social service settings. Cases emphasize a strengths focus consistent with social work principles and to help balance the pathology focus of the DSM. Three strengths-based assessment case studies are found in each chapter. Evidence-based treatment guidelines are presented for each disorder.

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This casebook was required for a class and I did like it in how comprehensive it was with the

creation of cases included in it, but honestly, if you are from a background where you have faced any sort of adversity or oppression, or work with those who face those things, you won't need to try and apply these cases to what you are learning. Good for those who are just starting out and just beginning to think in clinical language and framing of issues in a clinical manner.

This was one of the worst texts I was assigned in my MSW career, and should have been one of the most important. It was lazily and insufficiently updated for the DSM5. It is extraordinarily short for trying to explain the entire DSM. It clumps large amounts of disorders into very short chapters with not nearly enough information. The cases are generic, and expect you to make leaps in order to make a diagnosis which you should never make as a clinician.

I LOVE this book. It's well organized, easy to read, and includes tools for assessment, biopsychosocial influences, risk and protective factors, interventions, medications, and case studies. I originally rented, but just had to go back and buy it. I'll definitely be referring to this book in the future.

Very useful book, filled with a great amount of important information regarding mental health disorders. What I most love about this books formatting is that each chapter is regarding one and/or two mental health disorders. This helped me a lot by getting organized and also by understanding the material better,

I got the book but the reason I am giving it 3 stars is because when I opened the package the cover was folded in half and there is a crease in the cover and the first few pages to the Preface. Kind of disappointed that I bought a \$100-something book and the cover is damaged.

Thank to this book I have started to like diagnosing... It presents cases and then gives you guidelines to reach a correct diagnosis (including differential). If you do all the exercises, at the end of the book you will have learned the DSM by heart..

It is awesome that it is up to date with the DSM-V. However, this is not worth \$90.00. I would say that if it was \$50 or so then it would be a must have. There are just SOOO many more books of more insight than this for this substantial cost. Especially a paperback that is as thick as the APA 6th Ed. Handbook!

Not at all user friendly. Can't increase text size and can only have on two devices not including the cloud. Can't read in cloud. So frustrating.

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