

Module 7: Screening and Assessment

Post Test Answers

1. What is the first activity that mental health staff do when a person presents for help? (check those that apply)

a. Screening

b. Find out who is paying

c. A comprehensive assessment

2. Screening and assessment forms should be in a "checklist format" to make it easier for staff

False

3. The purpose of screening is to briefly estimate the severity of the problem, determine the need for a more comprehensive assessment, and make a decision about whether the person needs to be admitted to an inpatient or outpatient service: True

4. Screening staff routinely make life and death decisions: True

5. After screening the person is generally referred to another service that can be inpatient or outpatient. This service will do a more comprehensive assessment that usually includes a number of professionals that interview the person: True

6. The most significant issues for both screening and assessment activities is to quickly figure out if the person is a danger to themselves or others: True

7. Even when a person is a danger to themselves, if they do not have insurance or money to pay for services they must be transferred immediately: False

8. The Mental Status Examination (MSE) is a standard of practice in mental health settings and includes the following components: (check all that apply)

a. Demographic (basic) information

b. Appearance and Dress

c. Thought Process and Behavior

d. Financial ability to pay for services

9. Staff should attempt to get all the information they can from other people about the person's situation, from police and family members or significant others, about this mental health crisis that brought them into care: True

10. Mental health screeners and all other staff need to be well versed in assessing a person's suicide intent. This includes the following information: (check all that apply)

a. Do they have a plan and can they follow through?

b. Do they have any history of past suicide attempts or thoughts?

c. When do they intend to do this, where, and how soon?

d. If they have tried and failed before then they are at less risk