

A CLASSIFICATION OF MSW STUDENTS' DEFINITIONS OF "PSYCHOPATHOLOGY" AND "MENTAL ILLNESS"  
(FOR A FIVE-TO-SEVEN YEAR-OLD CHILD)

**"PSYCHOPATHOLOGY"**

Mental disorder/disease/illness

- the study of mental disorder disease
- study of mental diseases.
- study of mental illness.
- It's also pertaining to the different mental disorders.
- [Science of learning how mental disorders affect people's lives.]

Study of thinking/feeling

- psychopathology is a study of an individual/person's mental capacity/on level
- learning how a person thinks, feels, their thoughts
- science of the inner feelings.
- deal with the mental aspect of the mind.
- Psychopathology is how your mind works together with your feeling.
- Psychopathology is the study of how our behavior is defined in terms of our mental and emotional states and processes

How and why we behave

- Human behaviors
- the understanding or attempt to understand the way things happen and the way people behave as a result
- something that tells you how someone behaves.
- this is when we can study how we act, and how our brain works, and how our families influence how we act.
- explain the reasons why people behave in certain ways because of the way they live
- [problems that people like you and me may have because of their mind, their regular lives with their family, and their health]

Thinking/feeling problems, and dealing with them

- problems thinking
- problems with person's mind, feelings, and thoughts. Finding ways to fix these problems by talking about them and changing what you do about them.
- Dealing with psychological or mental issues, that may result in. Problems or issues that may arise.
- Learning how to cope with mental problems.

Sickness of the mind

- learning about people who's minds are sick.
- the study of the symptoms of mental health. Is a way to understand, describe the characteristics that people display when their mind is sick, when their mind does not feel well

Human difference

- It's what makes you and me. Everyone is different. You are unique because of your traits, & your DNA.
- Psychopathology is learning and understanding about things that each of us different. & why we do certain things

Thinking/feeling problems affect the brain

- something wrong with mind or feelings interfering w/ functioning of the brain

Defined by experts

- Diagnosing situation based certain criteria provided by experts such as psychologist or psychiatrist

Brain/Malfunctioning brain

- 1. science of brain 2. knowledge of the biology of the brain.

### Medical condition

- Someone who has a medical condition who sees things differently

### **“MENTAL ILLNESS”**

#### Malfunctioning brain

- mental illness is when one part of the brain does not work properly.
- have something wrong with your brain.
- a problem with your brain.
- 2. When the brain is damaged.
- when people’s brains are sicky poo poo.
- is when someone may seem healthy in their body, but their brain is not working well because of their problems. So they cannot control their actions and their thoughts.
- A chemical imbalance. Too much or too little of one chemical causes a person to act a little different.
- Mental disorder—could be a chemical breakdown or unbalance of the brain.

#### Malfunctioning mind

- mental illness is when your mind is not functioning in an appropriate manner.
- a sickness is your mind.
- not able to think right.
- people whose minds don't work the same as ours because they may be sick
- Mental illness is when someone is sick in the mind and cannot function on the level they suppose to be on for their age. They can be violent, aggressive, friendly, or do not speak at all.
- when they is a problem or abnormality with someone's mind or thinking.
- 1. When the thinking process (the mind) doesn't function well, as normal as it should.

#### People with certain problems

- People who have difficulty functioning in the community.
- People that have problems with understanding their mental problems.
- People who hear voices.

#### Acting differently, without control

- Mental illness is when someone like me and you act “different” in a sense than what others may think is not acceptable or right, without your control. This might include not being able to function as your friends do.
- [is when someone may seem healthy in their body, but their brain is not working well because of their problems.] So they cannot control their actions and their thoughts.

#### Thoughts and emotions make you do something bad

- When other people’s thoughts and emotions make them behave or feel badly.
- thoughts and feelings that get in the way of everyday things.

#### Being sick

- someone that might be sick and does not understand things like someone who is sick.
- this is when a person is sick, like if you have a cold, but this affects your life and maybe your brain, and the way a person behaves and acts.

#### Problems make you think and act strangely

- Problems that people have that makes them think and sometimes behave in strange ways.

#### Other

- Inability to cope with stressful moments in life.
- some we need a little help with problems or things that can happen in our lives
- Doctors help us with a mental illness.
- disorder disease
- Same as psychopathology.
- Mental illness is made up of different words that come from psychopathology.