

**Nova Southeastern University
Center for Psychological Studies**

Course Outline

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| Course # & Title: | PSY 612 Substance Abuse |
| Credit Hours: | 3 |
| Location/Section: | Main Campus/MC6 |
| Dates: | July 11, 12, 13, 2008 August 1, 2, 3, 2008 |
| Class Meeting Times: | Fridays 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Saturdays 8:30 am – 6:00 pm Sundays 8:30 am – 5:30 pm |
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Required Text:

Robert J. Craig (2004). Counseling the alcohol and drug dependent client.
Pearson, Boston. ISBN 0-205-35916-7

Course Description:

This course investigates the etiology of alcoholism and drug dependency. Attention is given to assessment and treatment in both individual and family therapy approaches.

Prerequisites: PSY 502; PSY 511

Course Objectives:

1. Be knowledgeable about alcohol and other illicit street drugs, their chemical and addictive properties and effects on the brain and body.
2. Be able to differentiate among use, abuse, and dependency on alcohol and drugs.
3. Be knowledgeable about various treatment models for substance abuse.
4. Be knowledgeable about the role of self-help groups in the recovery. Process.
5. Be able to differentially diagnose persons with co-occurring substance related and mental disorders.
6. delivery system.
7. Be knowledgeable about evaluative models assessing the effectiveness of self-help and dual diagnosis services.

Course Requirements:

Weekend I: All students must have the text and should have read Chapters 1-5. Be prepared to discuss them in class.

Friday July 11th – Students will be divided into groups.

Written Assignment

1. Each group will pick a name from a list of well known personalities who have lived a life of drugs or died from their life of drugs.
2. The group will research and everything there is to know about this personality's, including their family, education, childhood, parents, siblings, early career, etc.
3. Report if the person is alive or how they died, if they died from their drug use or complications from their drug use and any treatment received or known to have tried.
4. Each group will present their findings on Sunday.

Written Assignment #2

Each student will compile a directory of all substance abuse/alcohol treatment centers/facilities/inpatient and/or outpatient in the tri-county area. This directory should include location, phone, intake contact, description of program offered, after care available, referral needed, requirements for admission, fee schedule, age/sex of clients served. Directory will be due on Sunday August 3rd.

INTERIM Weekends Assignment

Refer to item #3 under weekend II. All students will attend an “open” AA meeting. Each student will then write a thoughtful description of their experience of their attendance at this meeting and what they learned. This paper will be due on Friday night August 1st.

Weekend II: Read Chapters 6-9; be prepared to discuss in class. Turn in written assignments as indicated above. The assignments will be discussed in more detail during the first weekend.

1. Attendance is required
2. Professional deportment during class is required.
3. During the interval between weekend class sessions, each student will attend an open AA meeting and write a brief and thoughtful description about their experience. This will be due on the second weekend.(as described above)

Examinations

There will be no midterm exam. There will be a Final Exam on Sunday of the second weekend. The exam will be short answer essay, covering the material in the Text.

Grading:

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| Personality presentation | up to 25 points |
| Experiential Paper | up to 30 points |
| Directory | pass/fail |
| Class participation | up to 15 points |
| Final Exam | up to 25 points |

A = 75

B=60

C= 52.5

Bibliography

Finley, James R. & Lenz, Brenda S. (1999), The chemical dependence treatment documentation sourcebook. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. New York ISBN 0-471-31285-1 (There may be a newer edition)

Perkinson, Robert, R. & Jongsma, Jr. Arthur, E. (2001). The addiction treatment planner, 2nd Edition. John Wiley & Sons. New York. (There may be newer editions).

Prochaska, J.O., DiClemente, C. C., & Norcross, J. C. (1992). In search of how people change: applications to addictive behaviors. American Psychologist. 47, 1102-1114.