

Nova Southeastern University
Center for Psychological Studies
Course Outline

Course # & Title: PSY 612 Substance Abuse

Credit Hours: 3

Section: Palm Beach/PB3

Dates: June 13, 14, 15
June 27, 28, 29, 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. Be knowledgeable about the organization of the substance abuse 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.

Weekend II: Read Chapters 6-9; be prepared to discuss in class. Turn in written assignments as indicated below. 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.
4. Each student will create a directory of all Substance abuse/alcohol treatment centers/facilities/inpatient and/or outpatient in the tri-county (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach) area. This directory should include location, phone, intake contact/referral needed, requirements for admission, fee schedule, description of the program, age of clients served, and after care offered. This Directory will be due on the second weekend. The class may be put into groups for this project, depending on the size of the class.

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 Criteria:

Experiential Paper	up to 25 points
Directory	pass/fail
Class participation	up to 15 points
Final Exam	up to 35 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.