GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences
Division of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Syllabus

Course Number: CJUS 520 S
Reference Number: 102435
Course Title: Models of Intervention for the Substance Abusing Offender
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Office Hours: By Appointment
Trimester: Fall 1998
Day/Time: Self Study via Videotape; cable broadcast
Text: Models of Intervention for the Substance Abusing Offender Study Guide

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce the student to the issue of substance abuse treatment within the criminal justice system. It will discuss opportunities for substance abuse intervention and program models for specific types of offenders.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the importance of providing substance abuse treatment for offenders.
2. Identify the goals of the criminal justice and substance abuse treatment systems.
3. Describe current models of substance abuse intervention within the criminal justice system.
4. Identify treatment issues presented by the substance abusing offender.

5. Describe the effectiveness of substance abuse interventions in reducing recidivism and relapse.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Videotape and Workbook
Students will be required to view the entire series of three (3) course videotapes and complete the corresponding reading(s) and written evaluation at the end of each section 1-14 of the workbook. The completed evaluations will be compiled by the student and submitted in portfolio format at the November 21, 1998 course review meeting. 33 points

Site Visits
Students will be required to visit a substance abuse treatment center in order to gain a clinical perspective on the models of treatment currently being utilized, and also will visit their choice of a law enforcement, court, probation/parole, or corrections based program in order to examine how, within its own jurisdictional context, the issues of substance are addressed. A class meeting is scheduled for October 23, 1998 to discuss your progress and pick sites if you have not already done so. A 3-5 page summary of your combined site visit experience will be submitted in your portfolio at the November 21, 1998 course review meeting. 33 points

Term Paper
Students will write a term paper critically evaluating two model(s) of intervention or intermediate sanction(s) used within substance abusing offender populations. The discussion should focus on the benefits as well as the drawbacks of each. Include research materials, site-visit experiences, information from the course videos and text. The paper should be 8-10 pages in length with a minimum of 10 references.

Graduate students should also include 2-3 additional pages suggesting other strategies or models which may be used to reduce relapse and recidivism among this population using at least five references to support your paper. This final paper is to be submitted with your portfolio at the November 21, 1998 course review meeting. 34 points

Grading

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ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN SITE VISIT REPORT

2. Model of practice.
3. Funding.
4. Staffing patterns.
5. Attitudes of consumers.
6. Ongoing staff training and certification.
7. How does agency evaluate the effectiveness of the program?
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Week 1/15
Classes begin:
Block 1 & 2

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