

**GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DIVISION OF SOCIAL WORK, ADDICTIONS STUDIES & HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION**

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
A Systems Approach

Course Number: ADDS 518

Credit Hours: 3 Hours Graduate/Undergraduate

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Office Hours: Tuesday 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
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Trimester: Fall 2005

DESCRIPTION:

This course will explore a systems approach as it relates to the etiology and treatment of drug and alcohol problems. Systems theory is based on the recognition that living things are open systems, interacting with their environments through circular and multifactorial patterns. Each individual is complex, being composed of many interrelated biological and psychological systems, and is influenced through interaction with multiple social systems such as family, community, society, etc. A systems approach to alcohol and drug problems (a) recognizes the impact of cultural interpersonal and environment influences, (b) recognizes individual differences among people with alcohol and drug problems, and (c) examines treatment models that take these factors into account.

EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES:

1. Understand the impact of internal and external factors with regard to etiology and treatment of substance abuse problems.
2. Understand the alcoholic family syndrome as it relates to family roles, hierarchy, boundaries and triads.
3. Compare and contrast treatment issues of different special population.
4. Understand the different categories of drugs and how drug use escalates to dependency.
5. Understand the role of sexuality as it relates to substance abuse.
6. Compare and contrast different theories of substance abuse.
7. Understand specific differences in Addiction with respect to gender.



CLASS SCHEDULE

09-09-05	Class objectives, House Rules, Evaluation video – ABC Nite Line 20/20
09-16-05	Chapter 1 and 2 pp 3-38 Theories of Addiction –(Biomedical) Definitions of Drug use
09-23-05	Theories continue - Psychologic (Social Learning, Cognitive, Psychodynamic, Choice Theory)
09-30-05	Social Theories – Sociocultural, environmental pain, moral
10-07-05	Chapter 3, pp 42-58
10-14-05	Guest speaker
10-21-05	Chapter 9 pp 269-288 (review for midterm)
10-28-05	MIDTERM
11-04-05	Chapter 10
11-18-05	Video
11-24-05	Off (Thanksgiving)
12-01-05	Chapter 12 pp 401-419 (review)
12-08-05	FINAL

REQUIRED TEXT:

Chemical Dependency: A systems Approach, McNeese and DiNitto.

EVALUATION:

Attendance	20%
Midterm	30%
Paper	20%
Final	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%

***Grading**

90-100=A
82-89 =B
73-81 =C
65-72 =D

****Attendance Grading**

1 Miss	= 100%
2 Misses	=95%
3 Misses	=90%
4 Misses	=85%
5 Misses	=80%

TERM PAPER

Each student will submit an 8-10 page paper on a topic related to the course content. The paper will use standard APA style including a brief abstract. A minimum of 5 references will be required for this paper. Topics must be approved. Late papers will be penalized. *Students will not be allowed an incomplete grade due to late papers.* The current target due date for this assignment is 11-18-2005.

DISABILITY STATEMENT:

Students who have a disability or special needs and require accommodation in order to have equal access to the classroom, must register with the designated staff member in the Division of Student Development. Please go to Room B1201 or call (708) 534-4090 and ask for the Coordinator of Disability Services. Students will be required to provide documentation of any disability when an accommodation is requested.