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**Prerequisite:** None  
**Corequisite:** None

This course provides an overview of the core concepts in substance abuse and dependence. Topics include the history of drug use/abuse, effects on societal members, treatment of addiction, and preventive measures. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the etiology of drug abuse, addiction, prevention, and treatment.

**Competencies:** This course is designed to meet the performance domains for assessment and education as identified by substance abuse certification and regulatory agencies.

**The student will demonstrate an ability to:**

1. Define the history of drugs and alcohol.
2. Identify the major theories of addiction.
3. Recognize major classifications of psychoactive drugs.
4. Understand behavior patterns and progression process of drug abuse and dependency.
5. Identify intoxication and influences of drug use including withdrawal and long term implications.
6. Provide information regarding recent trends in street drugs and designer drugs.
7. Clarify how life style differences and environment effect the use and abuse of addictive substances.
8. Understand the process of becoming a Certified Substance Counselor in North Carolina by acquiring a certification packet from the NCPSACB.

**Text:** *Drugs: Issues for Today* by Pinger, Payne, Hahn, and Hahn

**Course Requirements:** 4-5 exams given periodically (essay, multiple choice, short answer)  
Oral group reports presented at end of semester  
Timely completion of all assigned reading  
Participation in class discussion  
Individual projects as assigned (readings, reports, etc.)

**Grading and Attendance Policy:**

**A** 90 - 100      **B** 80 - 89      **C** 70 - 79      **D** 60 - 69      **F** Below 60

**I** Incomplete for a student who has not completed all of the exams or projects. Work must be completed prior to the end of the subsequent quarter in which the student is enrolled.

**Students who miss more than three classes or who fail to take the examinations on the assigned dates will be subject to a lower grade**