

SAB 110
Substance Abuse Overview

Course Syllabus
Spring 2000

Program: Human Services Technology/Substance Abuse

Instructor: Donald Little

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

Pre-requisite: none

Co-requisite: None

Meeting Time:

Course Description:

This course will provide a comprehensive examination of the subject of alcohol and drug abuse and dependence, including related problems, policies and programs. Emphasis will be placed on the exploration of the multiple issues involved in the treatment and prevention of chemical abuse and dependence. Upon completion, students will understand the various theories and models of abuse and dependence, treatment interventions, and the effects of alcohol and drug abuse and dependence on society.

Textbook:

C. Aaron McNeese, Diana M. Denitto, *Chemical Dependency: A Systems Approach*. Allyn & Bacon Publishing Co., 1998.

Course Objectives:

1. To identify the types and frequencies of psychoactive drugs abused in the US.
2. To demonstrate an understanding of the major theories of alcohol/drug dependence and the course and progression of dependence.

3. To demonstrate an understanding of the process of screening, diagnosis and referral.
4. Identify prevention and treatment resources and explain the various governmental policies aimed at regulating alcohol and drug use.
5. Explain how alcohol and drug use affects specific ethnic and cultural groups within our society and strategies and techniques that can be used to treat these populations.

Procedures for Achieving Objectives:

1. Read and discuss all assigned material.
2. Outline chapter information reviewed.
3. Participate in lab work as both counselor and active participant.
4. Take scheduled exams.
5. Come to class on time each week.

Grading:

Exam # 1	25%
Exam # 2	25%
Exam # 3	25%
Attendance & Participation	25%

Exams will consist of essay questions and will be drawn from the textbook, handouts, and class lectures. We will review the exam material in class the week prior to each of the scheduled exams.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend classes and be on time. If a student is absent without a valid excuse for more than 10% of the semester course hours, the student will be withdrawn from the course.

I hope that you will find this course interesting and useful. My goal is to communicate the course information in as clear and understandable a manner as possible. If you have any questions about the material presented, you are encouraged to ask questions in class. I also welcome your questions and comments during my office hours.