

SAB 120
Intake and Assessment

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 an overview of the process of intake and assessment of persons with substance abuse problems. Emphasis is placed on learning counseling theories and techniques. This knowledge is essential in establishing a therapeutic relationship, obtaining accurate information, making accurate diagnosis and effective client referrals, Particular focus will be placed on working with dually diagnosed and resistant clients.

Textbook:

Geraldine A. Miller, *Learning the Language of Addiction Counseling*, Allyn & Bacon Publishing Co., 1999.

Course Objectives:

1. To demonstrate an understanding of required documents for client eligibility, admission and appropriateness of care.
2. Explain methods of obtaining corroborative information while maintaining and protecting client confidentiality.
3. Identify appropriate assessment tools.

4. Demonstrate counseling techniques that assist with lowering client resistance and motivating behavioral changes.
5. Demonstrate the ability to develop a diagnostic evaluation of the client substance abuse and coexisting conditions based on assessment results. This information is used in the development of an individualized plan based on the client's strengths, limitations, identified problems and needs.

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 If a student is absent without a valid excuse for more than 10% of the semester course hours, the student will be withdrawn from the course.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.