

Southwestern Community College  
Human Services Technology  
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SAB 135  
ADDICTIVE PROCESS

Prerequisite: PSY 150

Corequisite:

Weekly Hours:	3	0	0	3
	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Credit

**Catalog Description:** This course explores the physical, emotional, psychological, and cultural aspects of the addictive process. Emphasis is placed on addictions to food, sex, alcohol, drugs, work, gambling, and relationships. Upon completion students should be able to identify the effects, prevention strategies, and treatment methods associated with addictive disorders.

**Course Requirements/Curriculum Competencies:**

In this course, the student will combine text material with internet access to explore the sociological, social-psychological, and biomedical perspectives of drug abuse problems in our society.

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

1. Discuss the origins of issues surrounding drug abuse
2. Develop an understanding of the unique features of psychoactive substances; their potential short-and long term consequences.
3. Identify current treatment strategies
4. Discuss the addictive process as it relates to other addictive disorders
5. Identify the characteristics of an addictive disorder in everyday human activities

**Textbook/Material:**

Hanson/Venturelli, Drugs and Society Web-Enhanced Fifth Edition

**Method/Strategy:**

Lecture/discussion/internet web exercises/group activities/assignments

**Evaluation Method:** grades

**Grading Scale:**

A = 93-100

B = 85-92

C = 77-84

D = 70-76

F = Below 70

**Policies:** HSE/SAB Student Handbook