

REHB 5796  
Contemporary Issues in Substance Abuse

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- I. The Disease Concept of Addiction  
Jerry Lotterhos & Lloyd Goodwin
- II. Socio-Demographic Factors and Substance Abuse Definitional Issues (Defining Use - Abuse-Addiction) What is our substance abuse problem?
- III. Special Population - Special Concerns  
Women                      Elderly  
Blacks                      Homeless  
Hispanics
- IV. Adolescent and Children's Issues  
Read Issue 12, 16
- V. The Tobacco Issue  
Read Issue 7, 10, 14.
- VI. The Drug War Examined  
Drug Legalizations
- VII. Read Issues 1, 2, 4, 6, 8
- VIII. Drug Screening and Drug Testing  
Legal Policy Approaches  
Read Issue 3
- IX. Treatment Issues  
(1) Counseling & Self-Help Approaches  
(2) Controlled Drinking & Abstinence  
(3) Voluntary vs. involuntary treatment  
Read Issue 15
- X. Continue Above.
- XI. Substance Abuse and Pregnancy  
Treatment and Policy Issues  
Read Issue 5
- XII. Program Design, Outcome, and Cost Effectiveness
- XIII. (1) Drug Advertising  
(2) Professional Issues: Ethics & more  
Read Issue 18
- XIV. Biochemical/Genetic Issues  
An update
- XV. Professional Credentialing in the Substance Abuse Field. Educational standards & quality concern.

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I. Course Objectives:

- A. To develop awareness of the tenuous nature of scientific fact in the Substance Abuse field.
- B. To develop awareness of major issues facing the field.
- C. To develop critical thinking skills about proposed solutions to substance abuse problems.
- D. To define positive ways of solving major controversies in the field.
- E. To prepare students for the multiple philosophic positions that underlie program responses to substance abuse problems.

II. Course Requirements:

- A. Exams. Mid term & final each count for 1/3 of grade.
- B. Paper requirements: 1000 word paper on topic to be selected. Paper will provide both “pro” and “con” information about selected topic. (counts as 1/3 of grade)
- C. Research Requirements: Each student will select a topic from the syllabus and bring to class on the appropriate date two journal article concerning the topic. Student will present summary of articles to class. (counts 20 points)

III. Syllabus:

- A. The Disease Concept of Addiction., Lotterhos & Goodwin
- B. What is our Substance Abuse Problem?.Lotterhos
- C. The Tobacco Issue., Lotterhos. (Read Text, Chapters 7, 10, 14).
- D. The Drug War Examined., Lotterhos (Read Text, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, 8).
- E. Above continued
- F. The Self Help Movement, Lotterhos
- G. Controlled Drinking, Lotterhos, (Read Text, Chapter 15.)
- H. Substance Abuse and Pregnancy, Lotterhos, (Read Text, Chapter 5)
- I. Drug Screening & Drug Testing., Lotterhos, (Read Text, Chapter 3)
- J. Program Designs and the Future., Lotterhos
- K. Marijuana Medication, Lotterhos, (Read Text, Chapter 8)
- L. Adolescent Issues, Lotterhos, (Read Text, Chapters 12 & 16)
- M. Professional Issues (Credentialing & Standards), Lotterhos