Administrative Unit: Criminal Justice Administration & Human Services Department

Course Prefix and Number: HUMS 380

Course Title: Substance Abuse

Number of: Credit Hours: 3  Lecture Hours: 3  Laboratory Hours: 0

Catalog Description: Examination of substance use and abuse and the progressive nature of addiction. Factors leading to regular and problematic use will be explored. An overview of the pharmacological effects of drugs within major drug categories, theories of addiction, intervention, treatment methods. And prevention will also be examined.

Prerequisites: HUMS 105 or instructor’s permission.

Offered Fall.

Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): HUMS 105 or instructor’s permission.

Text(s): Textbooks listed are not necessarily the textbook(s) used in the course. Textbooks chosen should include theory and technique appropriate for baccalaureate level practice.

Most current editions of the following:


Course Objectives:

• To summarize the various pharmacological, psychological, social and emotional effects of drugs within major drug categories.
• To understand the major theories of addiction and models of chemical dependency.
• To understand the process of intake and intervention.
• To explore the substance abuse treatment system and treatment methods.

Measurable Learning Outcomes:

• Explain the major theories of etiology of addiction.
• Describe the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs, both short and long term.
• Describe the impact of alcohol and other drugs on the family.
• List and describe the various signs and symptoms used for assessing addiction.
• Explain historical and cultural developments in regards to alcohol and other drugs.
• Define the major terms/language specific to the chemical dependency field.
• Compare and contrast the strengths and shortcomings of two or more treatment methods.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

Note: This class will emphasize writing in the APA format and students are expected to improve their research and writing skills.

• History (legislation, treatment, and attitudes)
• Pharmacology
• Definitions of use, abuse and dependence/addiction
• Continuum of use – progression
• Models of addiction
• Effects of chemical dependency on families
• Screening and assessment
• Engagement
• Substance abuse treatment
• Theories, models and methods
• Multi systematic approach
• Working with diverse populations
• Prevention
• The impact of social policy
• 12-step programs

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 35

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.

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