

SCWK 3742 - Substance Use Recovery

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Course Description

3742. Substance Use & Recovery. This course explores traditional and contemporary theories related to substance misuse and substance use disorders. Students will develop beginning-level practice application skills for intervening with individuals regarding their substance misuse. The course surveys a range of evidence-based approaches to: screening, assessment, and diagnosis of substance misuse/substance use disorder and related problems; determining the nature and severity of problems associated with substance use; evaluating readiness to change; and, treatment planning and intervention to ameliorate substance use problems. Content of this course meets the forty (40) hours of chemical dependency specific education in: theories of addiction (5 hours), counseling procedures and strategies with addicted populations (14 hours), group process and techniques working with addicted populations (5 hours), assessment and diagnosis of addiction (3 hours), treatment planning (7 hours), ethics (6 hours). Three hour lecture per week. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Introduction to Substance Use Disorders. MSL Academic Endeavors. Open educational resource (OER).	Stoddard-Dare, P., & Begun, A.L. (2019)	

This course utilizes online resources. Links are available within Blackboard Ultra.

Reading Assignments

The course outline contains topics to be covered and reading assignments to be completed on a weekly basis. Students are also required to regularly check Blackboard to access readings resources, and other materials for class. It is critical that students remain current with all reading assignments to experience academic success in the course.

-Links are provided on Blackboard for Articles and Books required for this course.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Syllabus	Review Syllabus and Course Materials	Student Introduction Video
8/31	Chapter 1	Ch. 1.1: Background Facts and Figures 5 Ch. 1.2: A Brief History of Substance Use and Policy Responses in the U.S. 18 Ch. 1.3: Interprofessional Roles in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Ch. 1.4: Considering the Language We Use Ch. 1.5: Key Terms	Summary Note 1 Discussion Accountabilibuddy Self-care/ Self-share
9/7	Chapter 2	Theories of Addiction	Summary Note Self Care Journal Entry SBIRT Training
9/14	Chapters 3 SAMSA Article Chapter 4	Chapter 3.0: Key Definitions, Diagnostic Criteria, Classification of Substances, and Models Ch. 3.1: Key Definitions and Diagnostic Criteria 75 Ch. 3.2: Classification Systems for Different Types of Substances Chapter 4.0: Psychological Models of Substance Misuse	Discussion Accountabilibuddy Self-care/ Self-share Video Assignment Intervention
9/21	SAMSHA Article- Using Motivational Interviewing	Treatment Models Motivational Interviewing Skills	Summary Note Video Assignment Brief Intervention Self Care Journal
9/28	Posted Article #1 and #2	Group Therapy and Recovery	Discussion Accountabilibuddy Self-care/ Self-share Simulation #1
10/5	DSM- SUD Check List	Introduction to Diagnosing Substance Use Disorders.	Self Care Journal
10/12	SAMSA Article	Medication assisted treatment. Prescription Medication	Simulation #2 Discussion Accountabilibuddy Self-care/ Self-share Summary Note
10/19	SBIRT Learners Guide Adolescents Article #1 When just say no is not enough	Interventions for Adolescents	Self Care Journal Summary Note Video Discussion
10/26	Article #1- Talk They Hear You Article #2 Discussing Drugs with Adolescents	Interventions for Adolescents	Summary Note Discussion Accountabilibuddy Self-care/ Self-share
11/2	Article #1 Discussing Opioids Article #2 Alcohol	Interventions for Adolescents	Self Care Journal Summary Note
11/9	Chapter 5 and 6	Social Context and Physical Environment Models of Substance Misuse	Discussion Accountabilibuddy Self-care/ Self-share Summary Note
11/16	SAMSHA Article Dimensions of Health Article	SAMSHA Addressing Suicidal Thoughts in Substance Use	Case Study Self Care Journal
11/23	Chapter 8	Sigma Co Occurring Disorders	Summary Note Discussion Accountabilibuddy Self-care/ Self-share
11/30	Chapter 14	Ongoing Treatment	Self Care Journal Summary Note
12/7	Review Course Material		Self Assessment and Review

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