

COURSE NAME AND CODE

Course	PSYC4001B/5804B Clinical Approaches to the Assessment and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders
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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

This course is designed to provide senior undergraduates and beginning graduate students with an introduction to contemporary best practices in the clinical assessment and psychological treatment of substance use disorders, with a specific focus on the problematic use of alcohol and other drugs. Delivered via both asynchronous and synchronous online components, this experience will provide students with a realistic overview of the responsibilities and interventions involved in the psychosocial treatment of substance use disorders. Students will be provided with opportunities to role-play assessment interviews and formulate associated treatment plans. Topics include assessment instruments, diagnostic clinical interviewing, motivational interviewing techniques, and relapse prevention. The course is designed to be highly interactive and participatory; active student involvement is required and students will have the opportunity to engage in role-plays and scenarios of clinical cases at selected points in the course to aid the initial development of basic clinical and counselling skills.

EVALUATION

- Thought Papers 15%
- Clinical case study: assessment 15%
- Clinical case study: treatment plan 15%
- Literature Review 35%
 - Undergraduate students: 15-plus pages plus references
 - Graduate students: 20-plus pages plus references
- Class participation (including role-play) 20%

TEXT

Herie, Marilyn & Skinner, W.J. Wayne (Eds.)(2014). Fundamentals of Addiction: A practical guide for counsellors, 4th Edition. Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). ISBN 978-1-77114-147-5