

PSYC 5800 H - CLINICAL APPROACHES TO THE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

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

This clinically oriented course is designed to take senior undergraduate and graduate psychology students a step beyond "Addiction" (PSYC 3403) to the most recent developments in contemporary best practices in the assessment and treatment of substance use disorders with specific focus on the problematic use of alcohol and other drugs. Students will be provided with opportunities to role-play assessment interviews and formulate associated treatment plans. Topics include assessment instruments, 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

- Role play exercises: clinical skills 15%
- Reflection assignments 15%
- Clinical case study: treatment plan 25%
- Term Paper 35%
 - Undergraduate students: 15-20 pages plus references
 - Graduate students: 20-25 pages plus references
- Class participation (including self-assessment) 10%

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