



## CNSK 1489: Practicum - Employment

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### EFFECTIVE DATE

January 2021

### DEPARTMENT

Counselling Skills

### DESCRIPTION

The practicum provides an opportunity for students to master, integrate and display the knowledge and skills which have been taught during the classroom component of the Addiction or Community Counselling Skills Certificate. The worksite practicum recognizes the knowledge and skills of students who are currently working in a social service, substance misuse or corrections agency and allows them to meet practicum course goals by integrating their knowledge and skills in a combination of graded classroom presentations and an evaluated skill based assignment. Prerequisite: Successful completion of all required courses in the Addiction or the Community Counselling Skills Certificate Program.

### CREDITS

4.0

### YEAR OF STUDY

### PREREQUISITES

None

### COREQUISITES

None

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate counselling skills with a diverse population of clients presenting with a variety of concerns/issues including ability to assess, and provide appropriate resources
- Demonstrate comprehensive assessment and collaborative goal-setting strategies to facilitate client plans and referrals.
- Employ risk management techniques and conflict resolution skills to reduce both environmental and interpersonal risks
- Demonstrate an ability to work with an agency staff and follow policies and procedures related to best practice, client information management and providing quality client care

- Seek and respond to opportunities for increased responsibilities; and professional development, in order to stay abreast of emerging trends and issues.
- Demonstrate self-awareness through values, introspection, behaviour, and a commitment to self-care
- Demonstrate an ability to identify and present an ethical dilemma and to moderate the ensuing discussion amongst classroom peers
- Demonstrate ability to analyse and present a case study of a client that the students is counselling at their Practicum site

## PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT & RECOGNITION (PLAR)

Detailed Job Description from a social service agency Current appropriate job experience (minimum of one year) A current performance appraisal

## HOURS

Lecture: 28

Practicum: 28

Other: 122

## INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Students spend 28 hours in seminars and presenting their video case consultation.

## GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade (A-F)

## PASSING GRADE

60%

## EVALUATION PLAN

Type	Percentage	Assessment activity
Assignments	90	Case Study; Ethical Dilemma; Self-Awareness Paper
Participation	10	
Other		Video Presentation (S/U)

## COURSE TOPICS

- Exploration of ethical dilemmas
- Student led Case Presentations
- Feedback and group discussions arising from teachable moments

- Discussions of individual practicum experiences including, successes and challenges
- Clinical topics as appropriate, for example advocacy, referral sources, disordered eating
- Debriefing and support to students regarding individual practicum site concerns
- Refinement of self-awareness ability arising from practicum experiences

## LEARNING RESOURCES

None

Notes:

- Course contents and descriptions, offerings and schedules are subject to change without notice.
- Students are required to follow all College policies including ones that govern their educational experience at VCC. Policies are available on the VCC website at:  
<https://www.vcc.ca/about/governance--policies/policies/>.
- To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at <https://www.bctransferguide.ca>.

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