



CNSK 1508: Assessment Practices

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 2019

DEPARTMENT

Counselling Skills

DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the skills required to appropriately identify and conduct an assessment in various settings with multiple demographics. Encompassing a bio-psycho-social-spiritual model, students will learn a collaborative therapeutic framework for conducting assessments as a client-centered, trauma informed skill, while preserving respect and dignity for clients.

CREDITS

2.5

YEAR OF STUDY

1st Year Post-secondary

PREREQUISITES

CNSK 1502 Foundations of Counselling CNSK 1505 Individual Counselling Skills

COREQUISITES

None

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Apply interpersonal communication skills to conduct assessments with diverse clients in diverse settings
- Implement ethical practices in assessment
- Recognize each client's unique journey and the impact of social context and cultural milieu in the assessment process
- Exercise critical thinking skills to gather, analyze, prioritize, and integrate information from clients for assessment purposes

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT & RECOGNITION (PLAR)

None

HOURS

Lecture: 39

Lab: 6

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Lecture, videos, group discussion/work, reflective writing, written practice of skills, readings, practice sessions, transcripts, peer and instructor feedback

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade (A-F)

PASSING GRADE

C

EVALUATION PLAN

Type	Percentage	Assessment activity
Assignments	15	Practice assessment interview video
Assignments	20	Practice assessment interview video
Assignments	20	Reporting and documentation
Assignments	20	Case conceptualization
Project	15	Community resource presentation
Participation	10	Professionalism and participation

COURSE TOPICS

- Models of Assessment: Bio-Psycho-Social-Spiritual, Collaborative, Therapeutic
- Assessment Interview
- Mental Health and Substance Use Screening
- Mental Status Exam

- Risk Assessment
- Assessment with Special Population
- Making Appropriate Referrals
- Integrate Assessment Information and Case Conceptualization
- Report Writing

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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