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CNSK 2504: Introduction to Concurrent Disorders

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 2021

DEPARTMENT

Counselling Skills

DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to the concept of concurrent disorders through an addictions lens. Students will explore the impacts of concurrent disorders on clients, families, care providers and society, and will learn about various treatment approaches and options to support clients.

CREDITS

1.5

YEAR OF STUDY

2nd Year Post-secondary

PREREQUISITES

None

COREQUISITES

None

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Describe concurrent disorders and how they present in the addictions population
- Describe the impacts of concurrent disorders on clients and their experience accessing care and services
- Explain the impact of concurrent disorders on client, family, society, and care providers
- Identify treatment approaches and ability to obtain appropriate care
- Integrate knowledge about concurrent disorders into their professional practice

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT & RECOGNITION (PLAR)

PLAR will be assessed by the Department according to standardized practice and using one or more of the following components: Challenge Exam, Demonstration, Interview, or External Evaluation.

HOURS

Lecture: 22

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Lecture, videos, small/large group discussion/work, reflective exercises, reflective writing, case studies, readings, guest speakers

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade (A-F)

PASSING GRADE

C (60%)

EVALUATION PLAN

Type	Percentage	Assessment activity
Assignments	35	Case studies
Project	30	Research project
Quizzes/Tests	25	
Participation	10	Professionalism and participation

COURSE TOPICS

- Definition of concurrent disorders
- Overview of various mental health diagnoses
- Presentations of concurrent disorders in addiction clients
- Overlapping symptoms
- Client's journey through the system of care
- Impacts on client/family/society/care providers
- Treatment approaches
- Professional practice

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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