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CNSK 2508: Addiction Assessment Skills

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 2021

DEPARTMENT

Counselling Skills

DESCRIPTION

This course will expand upon a student's skills and knowledge gained in the CNSK 1508 Assessment Practices course and in the field to further develop their understanding and techniques with addictions assessment

CREDITS

2.0

YEAR OF STUDY

2nd Year Post-secondary

PREREQUISITES

CNSK 1508 Assessment Practices

COREQUISITES

None

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Apply effective interpersonal communication skills in addictions assessments to successfully engage with clients
- Critically analyze ethical practices within addictions assessment
- Gather and integrate information about each client's unique journey considering the impact of social and cultural context to conduct a tailored addictions assessment
- Apply critical thinking skills to analyze and prioritize client information for an addictions assessment

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: 21

Lab: 6

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	Practice addictions assessment interview video
Assignments	35	Reflective paper
Assignments	20	Case scenarios
Assignments	10	Professionalism and participation

COURSE TOPICS

- Models of Addictions Assessment: Harm Reduction Continuum, Attunement, Trauma and Resiliency Informed Practice, Bio-Psycho-Social-Spiritual model
- Interpersonal Communication Skills in Addictions Assessment
- Concurrent Disorders
- Ethics in Addictions Assessment
- Addictions Assessment Case Conceptualization
- Navigation, Advocacy, and Utilization of Addiction Resources
- Integrated Addictions Assessment Interview
- Report Writing Language for Addictions Assessment

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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