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CNSK 2510: Indigenous Perspectives and Addiction

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 2021

DEPARTMENT

Counselling Skills

DESCRIPTION

This course will provide opportunities for students to engage in in-depth discussions about social and historical issues that have resulted in addictions in Indigenous individuals and communities. Students will explore Indigenous models of recovery and stories of resilience and wellness. Students will engage in experiential learning and witnessing and will have the opportunity to incorporate their understanding into their work.

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:

- Apply select Indigenous models of healing and wellness within the context of substance use and recovery
- Examine challenges faced with substance use in the context of historical trauma, systemic oppression, and racism
- Apply cultural safety and humility in their helping roles, especially when working with Indigenous clients
- Discuss Indigenous current events and issues that relate to individuals and communities

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, 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 (60%)

EVALUATION PLAN

Type	Percentage	Assessment activity
Project	30	Research project
Assignments	25	Case studies
Assignments	20	Journal
Assignments	15	Wellness assignment
Participation	10	Professionalism and participation

COURSE TOPICS

- Historical timeline
- Current issues (e.g. 60s scoop, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Day Schools)
- Decolonizing addiction: models of wellness and recovery
- Historical and Systemic Racism and Past / Inter-generational Trauma
- Witnessing: Field Trip
- Bringing it All Together and Moving Forward

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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