

PSY521 Working with Special Offender Populations

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

PSY521 Working with Special Offender Populations focuses on working with special offender populations of adult and youth offenders with drug misuse issues and those who have committed violent offences. Students learn the basic approaches to working individually with offenders and with offenders in a group setting. Students will learn about Singapore's policy on drug issues and the implications for the rehabilitation of drug offenders. The course will also cover the assessment, rehabilitation and management of drug and violent offenders.

Topics:

- Individual work with offenders 1
- Individual work with offenders 2
- Group work with adult offenders 1
- Group work with adult offenders 2
- Policy aspects of drug misuse and SG Harm Prevention
- Psychological approaches to drug rehabilitation
- Working with drug offenders
- Psychology of violent offending
- Assessment of violence
- Intervention and management of violent offenders
- Youth violence
- Person-specific violence – intimate partner, family violence, and stalking

Textbooks:

Emily J Salisbury, Patricia Van Voorhis: Correctional Counseling and Rehabilitation (e-text) 10th (Routledge) Taylor and Francis
ISBN-13: 9781000530643

Learning Outcome:

- Appraise the use of individual and group therapy modalities with offenders.
- Predict issues and challenges in working with drug and violent offender populations.
- Evaluate Singapore's approach to the rehabilitation of drug offenders.
- Compare the differentiated approaches in assessing drug and violent offenders.
- Demonstrate basic skills in initiating an individual session with offenders.
- Formulate assessments and interventions for drug and violent offenders.
- Draw upon psychological principles in working with offenders in a multi-stakeholder environment.

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRESENTATION 1	20
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	30
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	50
Total		100