

SWK555 Addiction Intervention I: Substance Abuse

Level: 5

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

Addiction I: Substance Abuse is designed to prepare students for the realities of working with clients affected by substance addiction and abuse. It provides the necessary tools to translate addiction theory into practice intervention. It presents the range of established theoretical perspectives including the moral model, the medical model, the disease concept and the 12-step ecological social work approach. The range of treatment modalities in substance addiction including individual, group and family treatment will be addressed.

Topics:

- Definitions
- Theories of addictions
- Classification of drugs
- Assessment of substance addiction
- Treatment models
- Drug situation in Singapore, Misuse of Drug Act, & Rehabilitation of drug addicts.
- Co-dependency
- Effects of substance abuse on families.
- Relapse Prevention
- 12-Step (Alcohol Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous)
- Crisis Intervention & Management of Co-morbidities.
- Ethical Issues in Substance Addiction Treatment

Textbooks:

Robert Holman Coombs: Handbook of Addictive Disorders, A Practical Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment (e-book) 2004 John Wiley & Sons
ISBN-13: 9781118204504

Learning Outcome:

- Examine substance abuse both in the local context and internationally.
- Compare the differences in addiction in adolescents, women and the elderly as well as social cultural factors associated with it.
- Discuss HIV/AIDS and mental disorders in substance use and on addiction treatment.
- Appraise the stages and the models of substance addiction, including the legal implications of its effects on the families.
- Evaluate the various treatment models, care as well as involvement of families in addiction intervention.
- Analyse the ethical issues involved in treatment.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	50
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.