MHCA 547: Addictions Treatment: Procedures, Skills, Case Management

Time & Day: 5:30-9:00, Monday
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CATALOG DESCRIPTION
This class provides an emphasis on developing a detailed understanding and foundation of skills in the use of specific strategies, procedures, and interventions in assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of addictive disorders and co-occurring disorders.

COURSE PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES
1. To gain a more in-depth understanding of the philosophical/scientific assumptions that underlies the various theoretical models of addiction and recovery.
2. To understand the risk factors of HIV/AIDS and the treatment process of these clients.
3. To develop a deeper knowledge and experience in conducting assessments, treatment plans, and documentation of the treatment process.
4. To learn more about conceptualizing treatment
5. To be well versed in the treatment of clients’ with co-occurring disorders.

COURSE DETAILS
This is a practice-based class! You will have opportunities to hone your clinical, leadership, presentation, and feedback skills, as well as contribute to an effort to build a toolbox of practical intervention options that may be used with clients. No required text for this class, but preparation for projects outside of class is expected.
CACREP ADDICTION COUNSELING OBJECTIVES & LEARNING OUTCOMES

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<th>Understands the history, philosophy, and trends in addiction counseling.</th>
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<td>Recognizes the potential for addictive disorders to mimic a variety of medical and psychological disorders and the potential for medical and psychological disorders to coexist with addiction and substance abuse.</td>
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<td>Understands the impact of crises, disasters, and other trauma-causing events on persons with addictions.</td>
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<td>Understands the operation of an emergency management system within addiction agencies and in the community.</td>
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<td>Knows the principles of addiction education, prevention, intervention, and consultation.</td>
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<td>Knows the models of treatment, prevention, recovery, relapse prevention, and continuing care for addictive disorders and related problems.</td>
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<td>Knows a variety of helping strategies for reducing the negative effects of substance use, abuse, dependence, and addictive disorders.</td>
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<td>Understands professional issues relevant to the practice of addiction counseling, including recognition, reimbursement, and right to practice.</td>
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<td>Understands the principles of intervention for persons with addictions during times of crisis, disasters, and other trauma-causing events.</td>
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<td>AC.G.1.</td>
<td>Understands various models and approaches to clinical evaluation for addictive disorders and their appropriate uses, including screening and assessment for addiction, diagnostic interviews, mental status examination, symptom inventories, and psychoeducational and personality assessments.</td>
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<td>Knows specific assessment approaches for determining the appropriate level of care for addictive disorders and related problems.</td>
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<td>Knows models of program evaluation for addiction counseling treatment and prevention programs.</td>
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<td>Knows evidence-based treatments and basic strategies for evaluating counseling outcomes in addiction counseling.</td>
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<td>AC.K.1.</td>
<td>Knows the principles of the diagnostic process, including differential diagnosis, and the use of current diagnostic tools, such as the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).</td>
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<td>AC.K.3.</td>
<td>Understands the established diagnostic and clinical criteria for addictive disorders and describes treatment modalities and placement criteria within the continuum of care.</td>
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ATTENDANCE
Because you are expected to show up and be on time for your sessions with clients, you will also be held accountable for your attendance in class. This includes both being in class, but also being on time for class.

Please read the MHCA department attendance policy:

**MHCA Departmental Attendance Policy**
Class attendance is expected and required. Any missed class time will be made up by completing extra assignments designed by the instructor. Missing more than ten percent of class time may result in failure to complete the class. This would be 4.5 hours of a 45-hour class (3 credits), 3.0 hours for a 30-hour class (2 credits) or 1.5 hours for a 15-hour class (1 credit). In case of extreme hardship and also at the discretion of the instructor, a grade of incomplete may be given for an assignment or the entire course. In such cases, the work to be submitted in order to remove the incomplete must be documented appropriately and stated deadlines met. Students are expected to be on time to class and tardiness may be seen as an absence that requires make-up work.
GRADES
1. Group Presentation - 30 points
2. Change Project - 30 points
3. Informational Interview - 40 points

Total Points = 100

GRADE CALCULATION (percentages of total points)
93-100 = A
83-87 = B
73-77 = C
90-92 = A-
80-82 = B-
70-72 = C-
88-89 = B+
78-79 = C+

COURSE SCHEDULE

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<th>Date</th>
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| 5/11 | 5/11  | Class Overview  
Diagnosis, ASAM Placement, Treatment Planning | Assignment explanations / Change project set-up / Group presentation signups |
| 5/18 | 5/18  | Motivational Interviewing 1 | ACORN, Change project check-in |
| 5/25 | 5/25  | NO CLASS | MEMORIAL DAY |
| 6/1  | 6/1   | Motivational Interviewing 2 | ACORN, Change project check-in |
| 6/8  | 6/8   | Motivational Interviewing 3 | ACORN, Change project check-in |
| 6/15 | 6/15  | Motivational Interviewing 4 | ACORN, Change project check-in |
| 6/22 | 6/22  | Guest Presenter: Joe Reisman, LifeWorks NW | ACORN |
| 7/6  | 7/6   | Medical and Case Management | Group Presentation: MDFT Adolescent Cannabis Use |
| 7/13 | 7/13  | Referral process and standards | Group Presentation: DBT Skills |
| 7/20 | 7/20  | Harm reduction/moderation approaches | Group Presentation: Mindfulness-Based Relapse Prevention |
| 7/27 | 7/27  | Relapse prevention | Group Presentation: Seeking Safety |
| 8/3  | 8/3   | Aftercare and Community Support | Group Presentation: Matrix Informational Interview due |
| 8/10 | 8/10  | Course summary and reviews | Movie: “The Anonymous People” |

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PARTICIPATION IN THE LEARNING COMMUNITY
Students are required to attend and actively participate in all scheduled class meetings. This includes being on time, being prepared, following through on group projects, and otherwise engaging with colleagues as fellow professionals. Becoming a counselor/therapist involves looking closely at values, our beliefs, biases, and ourselves. This can be a very personal, and sometimes emotional, process. Treating colleagues with respect, listening deeply to their experiences, and being open to diverse world views encourages a collaborative milieu of care in which we can all challenge ourselves and each other to critically examine and develop our skills and perspectives. In order to prepare for each class, students should carefully read and study all assigned materials to be ready to discuss, debate, and apply the content of readings. Class discussion and interaction with colleagues are fundamental to the process of learning to be a therapist and all sessions include necessary information. Therefore, if you must miss a class, fellow students and the instructor may ask you to contribute to learning
community in another way. If you must be absent or late, please email the instructor at least several hours prior to class.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
The Student Support Services Office, located in the Templeton Student Center, is a resource for students with disabilities. A variety of services are available through this office according to the particular needs of each student. Students interested in such services may contact Student Support Services at 503-768-7191. This contact is the necessary first step for receiving appropriate accommodations and support services. Please inform me if you need accommodations in class.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. CHANGE PROJECT

In order to better understand the skills presented in this course, students in MHCA 547 will identify and work toward creating a targeted change in their own lives and habits. This process includes:

1. Identifying a behavior change target. The behavior can be a habit that is given up (e.g. consuming caffeine, sugar, etc.) or a habit to adopt (e.g. regular exercise, regular bedtime, etc.). The targeted behavior should:
   - Elicit ambivalence - there should be a sense of things lost and things gained by making the change.
   - Provide material for sharing, both in small and large groups. Do not choose a change target about which you would feel embarrased or humiliated to discuss with classmates.
   - Not be an addiction for which treatment is needed. Please seek professional help if you are struggling with drugs, alcohol, or a behavioral addiction.

2. Creating the change plan. Students will put together and submit a "change plan" which identifies:
   - The behavior targeted for change
   - Specific goals for the change
   - Specific outcome measurements for each goal
   - A start and end date for the plan (start sometime the week of 5/11, conclude sometime after 6/22)

3. Tracking the change. Students will fill out a weekly ACORN measurement tool in class and compile the data in a chart that reflects change over time. Compiled data from the ACORN's will be provided toward the end of session for the reflection paper (see below).

4. Engaging in discussion about change. Students will participate in weekly 30-minute dyads and small groups discussing progress toward the change, and obstacles encountered along the way. A large group check-in will follow each week.

Writing a concluding reflection paper of no less than 5 pages addressing the following questions:
   - What was your overall experience of the change process?
   - Did your change plan work as expected, or did you need to make modifications along the way?
   - Reflecting on the three most relevant data categories from your ACORN data, what do you notice about the process that stands out for you? Did tracking your progress help or hinder your engagement in changing?
   - Which interventions worked for you? Which didn't work?
   - Did you find it easy or difficult to discuss your progress toward change with others, both in class and in your daily life?
   - How will this experience affect your work with clients in the future?
• If you succeeded at making a stable change, do you intend to continue with it or will you return to your previous behavior at some point?
• If you did not succeed at making a stable change, do you think you will try again in the future?

Students will turn in the change plan, completed ACORN data, and reflection paper by Monday, June 29, for a total of 30 points.

2. GROUP PRESENTATION

Being able to teach skills in a group setting is vital part of working in the addictions milieu. Students in MHCA 547 will do the following:

1. Sign up in groups of 3-4 to review and present material from an evidence-based, manualized treatment curriculum.

2. Create a 90-minute presentation covering the following:
   • Origins and history of the particular curriculum, including information about the developers
   • Specific client base(s) for whom the treatment was developed
   • Theoretical base for the treatment
   • Overview of the curriculum structure, including skills developed and expected outcomes for completion
   • A 45-60 minute “live” session using class members as group participants, modeling the structure and content of an appropriate module for group experience. Each student presenter must teach one relevant skill from the curriculum to the class.

Group presentations will be graded on the following (total of 30 points):

   • Use of Time – Staying within 10 minutes of the 90-minute total time
   • Completeness of Presentation – Covering all the points under item #2 above
   • Use of Multimedia – Appropriate use of powerpoint, video, audio, etc.
   • Interactive Content – Opportunities for individual, dyad, small-group, large group learning.
   • Feedback and Presentation Skills – Answering questions, providing additional information as needed.

3. INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW

Conducting an informational interview allows you to learn about the work you hope to pursue before committing to a certain position. It shows you how life and career intersect and intertwine, and fills in gaps of information. Not only does it develop interviewing skills but also helps you obtain valuable information for your career planning.

Guidelines:
The interview will be with a professional counselor who has been certified and/or licensed and working in the counseling field for at least three years post certification/licensure. Choose a counselor who works with a clientele similar to those you hope to work with once you enter the field. Please no family
members. The length of the interview should be no longer than 60-minutes and no shorter than 30-minutes.

Spend time before you go to the interview finding out about the organization/agency. This can be helpful in developing your questions and writing your introduction.

Objectives of Assignment:
- Practice and improve interviewing techniques such as using oral and visual cues, and keeping an interview on track
- Improve listening skills
- Deliver clear, focused questions
- Practice note taking and summarizing the content of an interactive
- Gain information about your profession from a practitioner in your field

Due Date: **AUGUST 3, 2015 by end of class** [May be submitted electronically in MS Word format]

Grading criteria will include:
- Followed writing format and guideline instructions
- Quality of the introduction
- Quality of reflection/conclusion
- Correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation

Proofread: Edit your writing before submission. Please provide accurate paraphrasing and quotes when writing your interviewee’s responses. This is not a transcription but recording the interview is suggested. You don’t have to write what he or she said word for word.

Pages: Although lengths may vary, attempt to limit the writing to 4-7 typed pages, excluding cover sheet. Text should be single space, one blank line after each interviewee answer (example provided below).

Students will complete the interview as described and turn in the associated written assignment for a total of 40 points.

**Interview Questions**

**Required questions:**
- What assessment tools do you use? Describe how you use them?
- What treatment interventions do you practice (i.e. MI, CBT, ACT, etc.)?
- Do you use any manuals?
- Do you follow a curriculum?

**Recommended questions:**
The questions below are recommended but not required. If you choose to add/delete or create your own questions, attend to asking about the job, working conditions, and training needed. Select a minimum of 20 questions, excluding the required questions.

Questions about the job
- Please tell me your exact job title and provide a general description of your job duties?
- Tell me how you got started in this field and what is your education?
- What kinds of tasks do you do on a typical day or in a typical week?
- What types of tasks do you spend most of your time doing?
• What do you like best about this job?
• What excites you most about this job?
• What are some of the more difficult or frustrating parts of this career?
• I really like doing ________. Do you have an opportunity to do that type of work in this career?
• What characteristics do a person in this job need to have?
• Do you usually work independently or as part of a team?
• What types of decisions do you make?
• How does your work fit into the mission of the organization/agency?
• What types of advancement opportunities are available for an entry-level worker in this career?
• I read that________ is an issue in this occupation. Have you found that to be true?
• Is this career changing? How?

Questions about working conditions
• What kind of hours do you work?
• Is your schedule flexible or set?
• Are those hours typical for most jobs in this occupation, or do some types of jobs have different hours?
• Do you have any health concerns associated with your career? How does this career affect your lifestyle?

Questions about training
• How did you prepare for this career?
• How did you find this job?
• Do you have any advice on how people interested in this career should prepare?
• What type of entry-level job offers the most learning opportunities?

[Several questions reproduced courtesy of the Bureau of Labor Statistics – see resources]

Format:
• Provide a cover page 1-inch margins, 12 point font
• The introduction will “set the stage” by explaining the Who? Why? Where? When? What? Purpose?
• Use a Question/Answer format for the body of the interview (perhaps use last names)
• End with a reflection/conclusion in your own words
• Number pages

Example Format:

Introduction (single spaced)

Student (Q): Please tell me your exact job title and provide a general description of your job duties.
Mackie (A): I am a mental health and substance abuse counselor for Western Psychological and Counseling Services (WPCS) [note: WPCS has twelve offices in Oregon and Washington] and I provide...

Student (Q): Tell me how you got started in this field and what is your education?
Mackie (A):

Student (Q): What kinds of tasks do you do on a typical day or in a typical week?
Mackie (A):

Conclusion (single spaced)

Hints
In your introduction explain the Who? Why? Where? When? What? Purpose? Tell your reader who the interviewee is and a little about his or her organization/agency. What is the purpose of the interview? Why did you select this person? How did you meet him or her? Where did you conduct the interview, and how long did it take? You don’t have to provide the information in this order, but try to be complete as you “set the stage.”

Blend “required questions” in appropriately with other questions.

In the conclusion, sum up the main points of the interview and reflect on what you learned. Indicate what was surprising and what was valuable about the process. Discuss insight gained into the career you didn't have before and whether the interview increased or decreased your desire to pursue work in this area.

Resources