



Course Code SOWK- 490	Course Title Understanding Addictions	ECTS Credits 4
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 4 th	Lecturer(s) Gregory Neocleous
Mode of delivery	Work Placement None	Co-Requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

<p>The main objectives of the course are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To build upon students' skills in conducting assessments, and to teach students how to incorporate a thorough substance abuse assessment in all of their assessment activities as social workers.• To enhance students' early intervention skills with individuals, families, groups and communities so that they can most effectively address problems related to substances.• To gain an understanding of the bio-psycho-social-spiritual nature of substance abuse problems.
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<p>L e a r n i n g O u t c o m e s :</p> <p>After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. make a thorough assessment of the presence of substance abuse and the extent of addiction present2. be able to conduct a biopsychosocial assessment3. have a basic knowledge of common substances of abuse and their effects4. recognize and address the needs of special populations5. understand the family issues in the context of substance abuse and misuse

Course Contents:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The path to dependence2. Addiction focused counseling3. Group treatment of addiction4. Ethics and Confidentiality5. Case management6. Special Populations7. Clinical Treatment Issues
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| 8. Biochemical, social and family education |
| 9. Substance abuse treatment and family therapy |

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Role Playing and Assignments, Video Presentations

Assessment Methods:

Quiz, Class Presentations, Paper(substance abuse assessment), Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publishe	Year	ISBN
Charalambos Pouloupoulos	Addictions-Therapeutic Communities	Ellinika Grammata	2005	

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Authors	Title	Publishe	Year	ISBN
Elizabeth Burton Phillips	Mum, Can You Lend Me Twenty Quit?	Portrait Books	2007	
Myers, P.L., Salt, N.R.	Becoming An Addictions Counselor	Jones and Bartlett	2007	
Dave Capuzzi,	Foundations of addictions counseling	Pearson	2008	

