

**SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
SAULT STE MARIE, ON**



COURSE OUTLINE

Course Title: INTRODUCTION TO ADDICTIONS

Code No.: HSC204

Semester: Fall 98

Program: CORRECTIONAL WORKER

Date: January 1998

Previous Outline Date: September 1997

Approved  
Dean **Date**

Total Credits: 3

Prerequisite(s):N/A

Length of Course: semester

Total Credit Hours:

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L PHILOSOPHY/GOALS:

In this course, students will be provided with an overview on all aspects relevant to the field of addictions. The class will investigate general information about substances, their effects and the development of dependency. In addition, students will explore the impact of addictions on the individual, their families, and society, as a whole. Finally, the healing processes involved in recovering from an addiction will be examined, including the most common treatment approaches utilised. The students ensure the applicability of course information by examining a variety of addiction resources.

DL LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- 1) Identify the origins and history of drugs and drug-taking behaviours.
- 2) Identify and describe the physiological, psychological and environmental factors that influence the use/abuse of, and effects of, drugs
- 3) Identify and describe the nature and physiological effects of a number of commonly misused and abused licit and illicit drugs.
- 4) List and describe the most commonly used treatment modalities for the treatment of drug and alcohol addictions.
- 5) Identify cultural differences that may be encounter with clients with addictions and identify adaptations that may be made to treatment modalities to be more effective with these clients.
- 6) Identify the most commonly abused drugs and their negative impact from a family, community and societal perspective.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Unit I Origins of Drugs

- Definition of Drug - Legal vs. Medical
- Historical Overview of Drug Use
- Historical Overview of Alcohol Use

IV. METHOD OF EVALUATION:

<u>Assignment/Test</u>	<u>Worth</u>
Mid-term Exam	25%
Video Report	15%
Report (10%) & Presentation (20%)	30%
Final Exam	30%
TOTAL	100

The **MID-TERM & FINAL EXAM** formats will be reviewed prior to exams.

The **VIDEO REPORT** will require the students to view a video related to addictions selected by the instructor and shown during class time. The students will be required to analyse the video, provide some research and write a **five page** typewritten report. Further details regarding the report will be provided by the instructor.

The students will be required to work in groups to research and develop a typewritten **REPORT** and an oral **PRESENTATION** relating to addictions. The presentation will be based on the report and will be a minimum of 50 minutes in length. Each group member will be required to equally participate in the development of the report and in presenting the group's materials. Further specifics will be given out by the instructor.

A final grade will be awarded upon completion of all the course work, in accordance with the grading policy of Sault College:

A+	=	90 to 100%
A	=	80 to 89%
B	=	70 to 79%
C	=	60 to 69%
R	=	less than 60%

V. SPECIAL NOTES: