



COURSE OUTLINE: SSW205 - CONCUR. DISORDERS II

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Course Code: Title	SSW205: CONCURRENT DISORDERS II:SSW PRACT SKILLS
Program Number: Name	1203: SOCIAL SERV WORKER
Department:	SOCIAL SERVICES WORKER
Semesters/Terms:	20W
Course Description:	This course will develop skills and knowledge essential to supporting individuals with concurrent disorders. Models of addiction will be discussed. Evidence based screening, assessment, referral and case planning tools and skills will be developed. Knowledge of community resources will be developed and integrated into case planning. The scope of practice of the Social Service Worker will guide the level of support and interventions learned and utilized. The relationship of social determinants, risk and protective factors and resilience to concurrent disorders will be highlighted. An anti-oppressive and strengths-based approach to supporting individuals, families and communities in relation to addictions and concurrent disorders will be incorporated throughout the course.
Total Credits:	3
Hours/Week:	3
Total Hours:	45
Prerequisites:	SSW102
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:	1203 - SOCIAL SERV WORKER
Please refer to program web page for a complete listing of program outcomes where applicable.	VLO 1 Develop and maintain professional relationships which adhere to professional, legal, and ethical standards aligned to social service work.
	VLO 2 Identify strengths, resources, and challenges of individuals, families, groups, and communities to assist them in achieving their goals.
	VLO 3 Recognize diverse needs and experiences of individuals, groups, families, and communities to promote accessible and responsive programs and services.
	VLO 4 Identify current social policy, relevant legislation, and political, social, and/or economic systems and their impacts on service delivery.
	VLO 5 Advocate for appropriate access to resources to assist individuals, families, groups, and communities.
	VLO 6 Develop and maintain positive working relationships with colleagues, supervisors, and community partners.
	VLO 7 Develop strategies and plans that lead to the promotion of self-care, improved job performance, and enhanced work relationships.
	VLO 8 Integrate social group work and group facilitation skills across a wide range of environments, supporting growth and development of individuals, families, and communities.
	VLO 9 Work in communities to advocate for change strategies that promote social and economic justice and challenge patterns of oppression and discrimination.



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Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:	EES 1	Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience.
	EES 2	Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication.
	EES 4	Apply a systematic approach to solve problems.
	EES 5	Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems.
	EES 6	Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems.
	EES 7	Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources.
	EES 8	Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others.
	EES 10	Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.
	EES 11	Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.

Course Evaluation: Passing Grade: 50%, D

Other Course Evaluation & Assessment Requirements: Students are to review, understand and adhere with the SSW Course Addendum & Class Guidelines and the SSW Program Policies & Procedures Manual. Professor may adjust final grade accordingly.

Books and Required Resources: Substance Use and Abuse: Everything Matters by Csiernik, R.
 Publisher: Canadian Scholars Press Edition: second (2016)
 ISBN: 9781551308913

Course Outcomes and Learning Objectives:

Course Outcome 1	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 1
1. Define and discuss best practice, evidence based, and promising practices related to the prevention and treatment of concurrent disorders	1.1 Demonstrate ability to use credible sources to research best practice, evidence based and promising practices related to professional literature relevant to concurrent disorders 1.2 Demonstrate ability to integrate and extract information from professional literature to enhance skills and knowledge 1.3 Differentiate between major drug classifications and identify drugs within each 1.4 Demonstrate basic knowledge of types of psychotropic psychiatric medications and common side effects and interactions with substances of abuse 1.5 Explain drug tolerance and withdrawal within each drug classification (including alcohol) 1.6 Understand and differentiate between different theories of addiction
Course Outcome 2	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 2
2. Describe and demonstrate effective engagement, screening, assessment and referral skills related to concurrent disorders	2.1 Demonstrate ability to apply skills necessary for effective engagement with clients who may have concurrent disorders to form a therapeutic relationship in a culturally competent manner 2.2 Demonstrate ability to identify symptoms of substance abuse or mental illness for the purposes of screening and assessment 2.3 Demonstrate ability to complete objective documentation 2.4 Demonstrate a working knowledge of key screening/assessment strategies and tools,

	<p>2.5 Demonstrate knowledge of community resources and ability to refer clients to appropriate community resources</p> <p>2.6 Demonstrate ability to develop initial treatment goals in collaboration with clients</p> <p>2.7 Demonstrate ability to discuss and apply the Stages of Change Model</p> <p>2.8 Demonstrate social work values of self-determination, dignity, respect and client-centered relationships in all aspects of client service</p> <p>2.9 Demonstrate ability to understand and apply harm reduction strategies and approaches</p> <p>2.10 Demonstrate knowledge of forms of interventions congruent with treatment services for concurrent disorders (lifeskills, self-help, 12-step, spiritual and cultural practices, etc.)</p>
Course Outcome 3	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 3
3. Demonstrate knowledge of mental health, substance abuse and concurrent disorder services in Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District and referral methods to identified organizations	<p>3.1 Demonstrate knowledge of and ability to use Connex Ontario, Central Access and Referral, 211, the Algoma Model, and other community resources</p> <p>3.2 Demonstrate knowledge of the services, referral systems and eligibility criteria of key services/organizations</p> <p>3.3 Utilize effective problem solving and advocacy skills to advocate with or on behalf of clients, families or the community in relation to obtaining service</p>
Course Outcome 4	Learning Objectives for Course Outcome 4
4. Demonstrate understanding of the sociocultural context of concurrent disorders and the systems designed to address these disorders	<p>4.1 Identify key stakeholders in the delivery of services (local agencies, planning bodies, government ministries and policies)</p> <p>4.2 Discuss systemic barriers to delivering services to individuals with concurrent and/or dual disorders</p> <p>4.3 Utilize effective advocacy skills to address stigma</p> <p>4.4 Identify the social determinants of health and sociocultural factors that impact on the development of concurrent/dual disorders and delivery of services</p> <p>4.5 Identify and integrate key risk and protective factors into understanding client situations and developing client goals</p>

Evaluation Process and Grading System:

Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
Client assessment	30%
Skill development	20%
Support group assignment	10%
Tests	40%

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Addendum: Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.