

Doane College COU 699

Assessment of Adult and Adolescent Substance Abuse: Addiction Severity Index (ASI) & Comprehensive Adolescent Severity Inventory(CASI)

Course Syllabus

3 Semester Credits

Purpose:

Professionals must be prepared to effectively assess adult and adolescent substance use and abuse in conjunction with criminal behaviors. Having knowledge of client criminogenic needs and how these needs impact substance use, abuse, and addiction is a key component in the assessment process. Both the Addiction Severity Index and the Comprehensive Adolescent Severity Inventory have been selected by the State of Nebraska Behavioral Health Division of DHHS in conjunction with Nebraska State Probation, and a committee comprised of substance abuse providers to provide a standardized method of assessing individuals referred to the criminal justice system.

The Addiction Severity Index (ASI) is a standardized, semi structured multi focused screening and assessment tool designed for use primarily with adult substance abuse patients. It covers seven problem areas of a client's life for evaluating various client needs.

The Comprehensive Adolescent Severity Inventory (CASI) is a semi-structured, clinical assessment and outcomes interview designed to provide important information about various aspects of an adolescent's life. In addition to demographic and administrative information, the CASI collects standard, comprehensive, and clinically pertinent information in 10 life areas.

This course will provide students with training on both instruments to prepare them to complete the state requirements for training and completing the proficiency exams.

Course Description:

This course has been developed to meet the requirements of the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health and the Nebraska State Probation state requirements for instruments used in the assessment of individuals who are referred for substance abuse evaluations by the state probation criminal justice system. The course instructors are certified Nebraska facilitators for the training of the ASI and the CASI instruments. The course exposes students in the use of two instruments that are widely researched, and have application to gathering comprehensive information to diagnose and treat substance abuse and addiction.

Contact Hours:

The course will be held during the regular semester on Saturdays, weekly during the regular course term, Hours 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

Course Objectives:

1. Familiarize students with the Nebraska Standardized Model Components
2. Review the Nebraska requirements for providers to be placed on the Preferred Provider List to provide assessments for probation clients
3. Review substance abuse assessments ASI and CASI.
4. Discuss the Nebraska Levels of Care for placement in treatment
5. Demonstrate the format of questions to streamline the assessment process with the ASI/CASI instruments
6. Identify the specific modules in each instrument that capture life domains affected by substance abuse
7. Apply the scoring algorithms for accurate scoring of the ASI and CASI instruments

Course Materials:

Manual including all required materials will be provided to students at the time of class.

Course Requirements:

For successful course completion, all students are required to 1) attend **all** course meetings with no exceptions, 2) complete all course readings, 3) complete 5 practice assessments for each instrument, 4) submit 4 completed instruments for final review (2 ASI, 2 CASI) and feedback (5) Complete two reports (one for each instrument) in the Standardized Reporting Format including a Biopsychosocial summary sheet, (6) complete 2 proficiency exams – one for the ASI and one for the CASI.

Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on 1) attendance and course participation, 2) submission of 4 completed instruments and two written evaluation reports, including one client Biopsychosocial summary sheet for each assessment instrument, and 3) successful completion of the final proficiency exam.

Course Format:

Classroom instruction, homework assignments, and in class practice. **Cell Phones & Text Messaging:** The class will discuss handling cell phone calls during class and come to consensus on a procedure.