ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

Credits 3

This course examines the major categories of mental disorders. Diagnostic criteria, treatment methods, cultural factors, public attitudes, community resources, ethical issues and legislation applicable to individuals with mental disorders are studied. The impact of mental disorders on individuals, families and society are discussed. Prerequisite: PSY2012. (3 hr. lecture)

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<th>Course Competency</th>
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| **Competency 1:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of the foundations of abnormal psychology by: | 1. Communication  
3. Critical thinking  
5. Cultural / Global Perspective |
| 1. defining the term abnormal behavior as used in the science of psychology  
2. identifying cultural beliefs and attitudes about abnormal behavior  
3. analyzing the major theoretical perspectives / frameworks of abnormal behavior from ancient times to the modern era  
4. examining relevant historical and current events from the perspective of abnormal psychology | |
| **Competency 2:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of the classification and assessment of abnormal behavior by: | 1. Communication  
3. Critical thinking  
5. Cultural / Global Perspective  
6. Social Responsibility |
| 1. identifying classification systems used in the discipline of psychology  
2. identifying common methods used to assess abnormal behavior  
3. describing reliability, validity and socio-cultural factors in the assessment of abnormal behavior  
4. analyzing the effects of culture and language on the classification and assessment of abnormal behavior  
5. examining the exclusion and inclusion of diagnoses in relation to evolving social norms | |
| **Competency 3:** The student will demonstrate knowledge of the primary, formal categories of abnormal behavior by: | 1. Communication  
3. Critical thinking  
5. Cultural / Global Perspective |
| 1. identifying mental disorders as defined in commonly used classification systems  
2. describing biological, psychological, and socio-cultural influences on behavior | |
3. analyzing theoretical perspectives regarding the development of mental disorders  
4. analyzing research on the etiology, incidence, and prevalence of mental disorders  
5. examining treatment modalities for abnormal behavior based on the different theoretical perspectives

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<th>Competency 4: The student will examine abnormal behavior in a social context by:</th>
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<td>1. describing the impact of mental disorders on individuals, family and society</td>
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<td>2. identifying risk factors for violent behavior</td>
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<td>1. identifying ethical principles that govern medical health professionals</td>
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<td>2. describing ethical issues involved in the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders</td>
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<td>3. examining the impact of abnormal behavior on individuals involved in the legal system</td>
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<td>4. examining the impact of involuntary commitment on an individual's human rights</td>
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3. Critical thinking  
5. Cultural / Global Perspective  
7. Ethical Issues