



Course Description

HUS1480 | HIV/AIDS and the Substance Abuser | 3.00 credits

This course is designed to educate prospective addiction counselors for the evaluation, counseling and outreach skills necessary for working with HIV disease and AIDS. The course will explore not only how this disease affects one personally, but also how this pandemic has affected many psychosocial aspects of society.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will develop the necessary evaluation, counseling, and outreach skills to effectively work with individuals affected by HIV disease and AIDS by:

1. Mastering the evaluation techniques and tools used in assessing the physical, psychological, and social impact of HIV disease and AIDS on individuals, ensuring comprehensive and accurate evaluations
2. Enhancing counseling skills specific to working with individuals affected by HIV disease and AIDS, including providing emotional support, addressing stigma, promoting adherence to treatment, and facilitating behavior change
3. Implementing effective outreach strategies to engage and connect with individuals at risk of or affected by HIV disease and AIDS, promoting awareness, education, and access to care and support services

Competency 2: The student will explore the personal impact of HIV disease and AIDS and examine how the pandemic has affected various psychosocial aspects of society by:

1. Examining the personal impact of HIV disease and AIDS on individuals, including the physical, emotional, and social challenges they face, fostering empathy and understanding among prospective addiction counselors
2. Analyzing the psychosocial aspects of society affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, such as stigma, discrimination, community dynamics, and access to healthcare, recognizing the broader societal implications of this disease
3. Investigating the intersection of HIV disease and AIDS with various psychosocial factors, such as mental health, substance abuse, homelessness, and socioeconomic disparities, to develop a holistic understanding of the challenges faced by individuals and communities

Competency 3: The student will be completing this course, prospective addiction counselors will be equipped to explain the impact of HIV disease and AIDS on individuals and society, and to effectively provide evaluation, counseling, and outreach services for affected individuals by:

1. Communicating the personal impact of HIV disease and AIDS to clients, their families, and the community, raising awareness and fostering understanding of the physical, emotional, and social challenges faced by individuals affected by the disease
2. Applying evaluation skills to assess the unique needs and strengths of individuals affected by HIV disease and AIDS, tailoring counseling interventions to address their specific circumstances and promote holistic well-being
3. Engaging in outreach activities to connect with individuals at risk of or affected by HIV disease and AIDS, providing education, support, and referrals to relevant resources, and advocating for their rights and access to care

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society