ADD 110 Introduction to Addiction

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course explores the physical, emotional, psychological, and cultural aspects of the addictive process. Emphasis is placed on addiction to food, sex, alcohol, drugs, work, gambling, and relationships. This course provides foundational knowledge for counseling persons with addictive disorders. The student is introduced to working definitions of substance abuse, addiction, chemical dependency, and process addiction. Competencies and requirements for MCBAP & IC&RC certification are explained.

PREREQUISITES: NONE

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon completion of this course, the student will demonstrate:
- Knowledge of factors which have been used to cite the extent of chemical substance abuse, addiction and related problems in American society.
- Knowledge of four (4) major theories on the etiology of chemical substance abuse and addiction.
- Knowledge of contrasts in the criminalization and medicalization of program responses to chemical substance abuse problems.
- Knowledge of contemporary views on the responsibilities of individuals, families, communities, and governmental authorities for eliminating chemical substance abuse problems.
- Knowledge of obstacles or barriers to preventing chemical substance abuse and related problems.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E