



COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE: PSY 281 ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

HOURS: Lecture: 3 Lab/Shop: 0 Work Exp/Clinical: 0 Credits: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an examination of the various psychological disorders, as well as theoretical, clinical, and experimental perspectives of the study of psychopathology. Emphasis is placed on terminology, classification, etiology, assessment, and treatment of the major disorders. Upon completion, students should be able to distinguish between normal and abnormal behavioral patterns as well as demonstrate knowledge of etiology, symptoms, and therapeutic techniques.

Note: In accordance with the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, this course has been approved to satisfy the general education requirement for social/behavioral science in A.A., A.S., and A.A.S. degree programs.

PREREQUISITE(S): PSY 150

COREQUISITE(S): NONE

TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the terms, abnormal behavior and mental illness.
2. Recognize and describe the differences in the many different psychological disorders.
3. Summarize the role and job of a helping professional in the mental health framework.
4. Describe and summarize how to work with and around individuals with psychological disorders.
5. Recognize the common misconceptions and prejudices that interfere with the role of a helping professional.
6. Identify the four criteria for abnormal behavior.
7. Describe the most common psychological disorders under the DSM category and criteria.
8. Describe abnormal behavioral traits from social and psychological perspectives that are commonly found in different cultures and societies worldwide.

*****Please refer to the online version of the Richmond Community College Program & Course Catalog and the Student Handbook for current academic and general information.**