



COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE: SAB 110 SUBSTANCE ABUSE OVERVIEW

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an overview of the core concepts in substance abuse and dependence. Topics include the history of drug use/abuse, effects on societal members, treatment of addiction, and preventive measures. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the etiology of drug abuse, addiction, prevention, and treatment.

PREREQUISITE(S): NONE

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. Students will be able to discuss the relationship between effective dose, lethal dose and margin of drug safety.
2. Students will recognize how drugs affect brain chemistry.
3. Students will recognize various psychotropic drugs, side effects and reasons for use.
4. Students will examine the macrocosmic drug-related issues of historical and social relevance, as well as the microcosmic effects of substance use on a single neuron in the human body.
5. Students will explore the latest data on drug use patterns and social trends, such as the recent increase in heroin addiction.
6. Students will be able to describe use of drugs in various societies and the consequences thereof.
7. Students discuss current controversies involving drugs or drug use, as well as events related to such controversies.

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