TREATMENT OF CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE

I. Standardized Course Description

The course is designed to provide a basic understanding of contemporary treatment methods used in work with a diverse range of clients recovering from alcohol and/or drug dependence. Emphasis will be placed on integrating the use of Gestalt Therapy, Rational Emotive Therapy, and Behavior Therapy with the 12 Step Program of Recovery/Minnesota model, Faith-based Models, Pharmacological Model, the Therapeutic Community Model and the Drug Court Model.

II. Pre and/or Co-Requisites

Students who plan to specialize in chemical dependence and wish to obtain state licensing as a chemical dependence counselor (LCDC), should take a minimum of three (3) courses in this area. It is suggested that the sequence include: “Dynamics of Chemical Dependence,” “Treatment of Chemical Dependence” and one or more from “Dual Diagnosis”, “Adolescent Chemical Dependence Prevention/ Intervention”, “Relapse and Recovery” or “Women and Chemical Dependence.”
III. Standardized Course Objectives

By the end of the semester,

1. The student should be able to work with a broad range of clients with understanding, affirmation, and respect for the positive value of diversity.

2. The student should be familiar with basic theoretical concepts and treatment techniques of selected contemporary counseling theories, adjunctive methods and medically supervised programs for treatment of chemically dependent clients.

3. The student should be able to describe the concepts, procedures and preliminary outcome data related to six major models for treatment of chemical dependence: Pharmacological, 12 Step, Minnesota, Faith-based, Therapeutic Community and Drug Court.

4. The student should be able to describe basic concepts, propositions, treatment techniques, and procedures of major psychosocial theories including: Gestalt, Rational Emotive, and Behavioral.

5. The student should be able to integrate counseling techniques derived from psychosocial theories covered in the course with the Pharmacological, 12 Step, Minnesota, the Faith-based, Therapeutic Community, and Drug Court models.

IV. Teaching Methods

Teaching methods will include lecture, group discussion, group exercises, audio-visual materials, field trips, and guest lecturers.

V. Required Texts, and Materials

Required:

- Reading package University Copy Center in the School of Social Work (Telephone 471-8281).

Dr. Shorkey’s website (http://www.utexas.edu/research/cswr/tattc/) resources related to:

1. Social work and chemical dependence (social work knowledge, values and practice methods)
2. Chemical dependence with diverse population groups: African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Gays and Lesbians, persons with disabilities, and Dual Diagnosis.
3. Models and frameworks of chemical dependence
AA and other related websites:

- Lamda (LGBT Friendly Group)  [http://lambdaaustin.org/index.htm](http://lambdaaustin.org/index.htm)
- APA Resources  Learning Resource Center (LRC) Reference Book

VI. Course Requirements

- Reading assignments should be completed prior to class and will provide the basis for discussion. Students are encouraged to ask questions and make comments during lectures. Student's questions and comments provide the instructor an important assessment tool for whether or not readings are being completed outside of class.

  Quizzes: 30 points each

- Mid-Semester and Final Quiz
  The quizzes will test students’ knowledge of the therapeutic approaches covered in the course and students ability to critically analyze and compare these models. The test formats will include short answer questions and essay questions. The mid-semester quiz will be a take-home quiz whereas the second quiz will be an open book quiz that takes place in the classroom. Quizzes are scheduled at the times indicated on the course outline.

VII. Class Policies

Attendance
Class attendance is required to complete all of the assignments. Students may miss no more than two (2) class sessions. Students who fail to attend class on a regular basis (missing more than 2 classes without a valid excuse, e.g., medical documentation) will receive one course grade lower than their final grade when points are totaled. Students who miss more than three unexcused classes may receive two grades lower than their final grade. Students who leave at the mid-point break of the class will be counted as attending \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the only class. Students who are one or two points below the cut-off for a letter grade may receive the higher grade at the end of the semester based on class participation.
Late Assignments
Assignments are due on the dates indicated in the course syllabus. Late assignments will not be accepted without penalty. Two points will be deducted from the assignment for each class session past the due date.

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Attendance:
0 to 1 missed class: 15 points
1½ -2 missed classes: 10 points

Grading Scale: (Grades are rounded up to the next number at .5). Grading of all written assignments will take into account the quality of the writing as well as the content. The current APA format should be followed. Written material should be carefully proofread corrected for errors in punctuation, typographical errors, and spelling errors. Good writing requires a reiterative process that must be followed if quality is to improve. It is a good idea to read your paper several times and if possible have someone else read it.
Students requesting an incomplete for medical problems or family emergencies must fill out the required form available in the Student Service office and discuss their request with the instructor.

School of Social Work Policy

Read the School of Social Work Safety statement: As part of professional social work education, students may have assignments that involve being in agency settings and/or the community. As such, these assignments may present some risks. Sound choices and caution may lower risks inherent to the profession. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of and adhere to policies and practices related to agency and/or community safety.

Students should notify instructors regarding any safety concerns. Information shared in class about agencies and clients is considered to be covered by the NASW Code of Ethics regarding the sharing of information for supervisory purposes. Agencies are aware that information is shared in class for this purpose. However, discussion outside of class with individuals not in this class or with other class members in settings where you cannot assure that no one else may overhear the conversation is considered a breach of confidentiality and will result in recommendation against admission to the BSW program.

University Policy

The University of Texas at Austin is proud of its students' commitment to academic integrity and their pledge to abide by its policy on scholastic dishonesty. The tradition of intellectual honesty is maintained by the cooperation of students and faculty members. School policy on this subject can be found in General Information 2007-2008 Scholastic dishonesty in this class may result in a grade of F for the course with possible reporting to the Dean of the School of Social Work and the Dean of the Graduate School.

The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request, appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Any student with a documented disability (physical or cognitive) who requires academic accommodations should contact the Service for Students with Disabilities area of the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259 (voice) or 471-4641 (TTY for users who are deaf or hard of hearing) as soon as possible to request an official letter outlining authorized accommodations.
**Required Assignments:** 10 points each – Due on assigned date. If assignments are turned in after the assigned date, students can earn no more than 50% of the points for the assignment. Assignments that are turned in more than 1 week after the assigned date will be graded 0. All assignments must adhere to APA format and reference all sources as well as include in-text citations and a works-cited page.

1. 2-3 page reaction paper related to Bill Wigmore’s presentation.
   Due September 7

2. 2-3 page reaction paper related to the presentation by Mary Boone.
   Due September 14

3. 2-3 page reaction paper related the field visit to Austin Recovery for the Musical Journey.
   Due September 28

4. 2-3 page reaction paper related to the field visit to drug court.
   Due October 5

5. 2-3 page reaction paper related to the field visit to Phoenix Academy.
   Due October 12

6. 2-3 page reaction paper related to the Kyle Correctional Facility.
   Due October 19

7. 2-3 page reaction paper related to the field visit to Salvation Army.
   Due October 26

8. 2-3 page reaction paper related to Michael Uebel’s presentation.
   Due November 2

9. 2-3 page reaction paper related to the presentation on pharmacological treatment of chemical dependence by Reid Minot
   Due October 12

10. 2-3 page reaction paper related to an open “12-step meeting."
    Due November 23 (or before)

**Special Note on Assignments**

Regular Reaction Papers are not required for either the session on Gestalt Therapy (11/9) or on Behavioral Couples Therapy, Contingency Management & Rational/Emotive Cognitive Therapy (11/16). However, if you missed one or two previous classes and you have a valid excuse (e.g. doctor’s note) for the missed class(es), you may make up a reaction paper based on one or both of these presentations.
Reaction Paper Outline

2-3 pages, double spaced, 12pt Times New Roman (not including works cited), in-text citations, APA works cited, include headings

I. Observations (3-4 paragraphs, 3 points)

In this section the student will briefly describe the proceedings of the event in which they attended. This includes the components of the event and the order in which they occurred.

II. Analysis and Interaction of Reading (3-4 paragraphs, 5 points)

The student will also identify the treatment modality or practice model in which the event is classified and explain specifically how the event was an example of the model or modality. What elements of the specific event that you attended concur with the characteristics of its model as explained by the readings? Discuss your reactions to the event. Did the event deviate from the readings’ account of its practice model? How did it differ and why? How did attending the event differ or concur with your expectations?

III. Brief Personal Reaction (1-2 paragraphs, 2 points)

Did you agree or disagree with certain elements of the event? Why? How did you feel about attending the event? Would you recommend it to a client faced with chemical dependence? Why or why not? The student is expected to provide thorough rationale for points of agreement and disagreement. In this process, the students are free to use their personal opinion and are encouraged to cite in-class readings as well. Personal opinions can use life experiences or practice wisdom. However, multiple sides of the issue must be examined. Why would some individuals/clients find this treatment beneficial if you do not? The student is also expected to conclude their assignment with a 1-2 sentence summary of the main things they learned from attending the event.
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• How people enter treatment  
• Stages of change  
• Motivational Interviewing  
• Intervention  
• Spontaneous/Natural Recovery  
Handouts: Valley Chart, DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria, Motivational Interviewing, Stages of Change  
Video: Motivational Interviewing | Course Syllabus  
Cunningham, Why do people stop their drug use? p.695-710.  
Ludwig, Cognitive processes associated with “spontaneous” recovery from alcoholism, p. 57-62.  
Whitten, Court-mandated treatment works as well as voluntary, p. 1 & 6 |
| Aug 31 | Class 2: Recovery Group Models  
Shorkey & Uebel, Minnesota Model, p. 547-549.  
Shorkey, C. & Uebel, M. Secular Organizations for Sobriety  
Shorkey & Uebel, Women for Sobriety, p. 1007-1008.  
| Sept 7 | Class 3: The Family & Intervention  
Guest Lecture: Mary Boone, LCDC, LCSW  
Assignment #1 Due: Reaction to Bill Wigmore’s Presentation | Johnson, Intervention: How to help someone who does not want help, p. 61-87.  
Liepman, Nirenberg & Begin, Evaluation of a program designed to help family and significant others to motivate resistant alcoholics into recovery, p. 209-221.  
Loneck, Garrett & Banks, A Comparison of Johnson intervention with four other methods of referral to outpatient treatment, p. 233-246. |
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<td>Shorkey, Windsor &amp; Spence, Assessing Culturally Competent Chemical Dependence Treatment Services for Mexican Americans, p. 61-74. Shorkey, Windsor &amp; Spence, Systematic Assessment of Culturally Competent Chemical Dependence Treatment Services for African Americans, 113-128.</td>
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<td>Finn &amp; Newlyn, Miami’s “Drug court”: A different approach. p.1-15&lt;br&gt;Patra, Factors associated with treatment compliance and its effects on retention among participants in a court mandated treatment program, p. 289-313. Longshore, et al., Drug Court: A Conceptual Framework p. 7-26. Kerl &amp; Parsons (under supervision of Shorkey, C.), Rearrest and retention in the Travis County Drug Court, p. 1-17.</td>
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<td>Dingle, Gleadhill, &amp; Baker, Can music therapy engage patients in group cognitive behaviour therapy for substance abuse treatment? p. 190-196. Rhinewine &amp; Williams, Holotrophic breathwork, p. 771-776.</td>
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Dress professionally & Bring picture ID  
Assignment #5 Due: Reaction to Phoenix Academy  
Begin completing midterm quiz |
Assignment #6 Due: Reaction to Kyle Correctional Facility |
| Oct 26 | Class 10 | Faith-Based Programs: Session 2 | Groves, Paramabandhu & Farmer, Buddhism and addictions, P. 183-194 | Buddhist Philosophy and Psychology,  
Mindful Meditation and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)  
Guest Lecture: Michael Uebel, Ph.D, LCSW  
Assignment #7 Due: Reaction to Salvation Army  
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**Minnesota Model & Support Groups**


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Kerl, D. J. & Parsons, K. (Under Supervision of Clayton Shorkey), (2009). Rearrest and retention in the Travis County Drug Court. Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin.


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