AC- Addiction Counseling

AC 501  Chemical Dependency Counseling I: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to program. (Sp) This course will provide an overall introduction to addiction counseling. The class will also provide an introduction to the assessment and treatment of alcoholism and other chemical dependencies, with emphasis on the application of specific clinical strategies to this specialized problem area. Since substance abuse may underlie or coexist with a variety of other problems, including family violence, mental illness, health issues, etc., the mental health professional trained in the assessment and treatment of chemical dependency will be better able to assess and intervene appropriately.

AC 502  Psychopharmacology and Addictions: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to program. (Sp) This course examines medications that are commonly prescribed for psychiatric disabilities; descriptions of medication effects, interaction, and side effects.

AC 503  Assessment, Treatment, Planning, and Ethics of Addiction Counseling I: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to program. (F) This course is designed to examine the psychological, behavioral, sociological, and cultural underpinnings in the assessment and treatment of clients affected by addictions. The course explores a variety of helping strategies for reducing the negative effects of substance use, abuse, dependence, and addictive disorders (CACREP, Section III, C.5.). Ethical issues related to the field of Addictions Counseling will also be explored. Department of Health & Human Development

AC 504  Alcohol and Drug Studies: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to program. (F) This course is designed to offer in-depth exploration of alcohol and drug studies. Students will integrate overview information with cutting edge research within the field of addictions as it pertains to a particular population or topic specific to addiction counseling.

AC 505  Cross Cultural & Ethical Considerations in Addictions Counseling: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to program. (Su) This course is designed to examine cultural and ethical constructs related to addictions counseling. The focus will be on current literature, theories, approaches, strategies, and techniques shown to be effective when working with populations of clients with addictions.

AC 506  Group Counseling in Addictions Settings: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to program. (F) This course provides students with the foundational concepts of group counseling within addiction settings. Topics will include group development, group roles, leadership roles/interventions, group planning/development, multicultural issues, and ethical issues relating to group counseling within addictions settings.

AC 507  Systems and Settings in Addictions Counseling: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
(Sp) This course fulfills the Treatment Planning and Documentation requirement for licensure as an Addictions Counselor in Montana. You will learn about systemic perspectives in addiction counseling, roles and duties of addictions counselors, addiction counseling licensure/certification, careers in addiction counseling, and clinical documentation in various addictions settings.

AC 508  Counseling Theories in Addiction Settings: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to the program. (Su) Department of Health & Human Development

AC 509  Assess Treat Plan Addiction II: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to the program. (Sp) This course covers addiction assessment and patient placement, including the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria. The course explores a variety of helping strategies for reducing the negative effects of substance use, abuse, dependence, and addictive disorders. Department of Health & Human Development

AC 510  Chem Dependency Counseling II: 3 Credits (3 Lec)
PREREQUISITE: Admission to the program. (F) This course provides instruction on chemical dependency counseling, emphasizing specific clinical strategies. Substance abuse may coexist with other problems, professionals trained in comprehensive understanding of addiction will be better able to assess, intervene and counsel clients.

AC 591  Special Topics: 1-4 Credits ()