

HSSA 290 : Medical Aspects of Addiction

Credits 5

Quarter Offered Spring

This class teaches students about medical complications of substance abuse including alcohol, tobacco, cocaine, amphetamines, opiates, cannabis and benzodiazepines. Class emphasizes addiction, overdose and withdrawal and how chemicals affect the body. This class may include students from multiple sections.

Course Outcomes

- Define the controlled substance Act and criteria for placing drugs into it

- Discuss the pros and cons of MAT

- Define Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opiate dependency and naloxone for opiate overdose

- Define major co morbidities of drug abuse and addiction

- Differentiate between clients who need medical referrals with clients not in need of medical referral

- Define addiction as a disease

- List and discuss the most common medical complications and sequelae of chemical (substance abuse)

- Discuss whether Marijuana should be a legal drug

- List diseases resulting from sharing needles