**DAAC 1304**  
Pharmacology of Addiction  
Syllabus/Course Information  
Summer 2014

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| OFFICE HOURS: | Monday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |         |                                                 |

A. **Communicating with your instructor:**  
The preferred method of communicating with your instructor is through the mail element of My Blackboard. I usually respond within 24 hours Monday-Thursday and by the next business day Friday-Sunday. If you need an appointment you may call Melinda at 281-756-3654.

B. **Course Description:**  
This is a Blackboard course (internet). There are no scheduled on campus class meetings. This course covers current data and studies in addiction, including practical information and interviews from staff members and clients in substance abuse treatment facilities. The information is designed to give insight into the complex fields of drug abuse, compulsive behaviors, treatment, recovery and prevention. The course is richly supported with articles and links to provide a variety of perspectives on addiction and treatment with interviews of addicts to give a sense of what persons with dependence or compulsive behaviors experience. The course meets alcohol and drug specific course content required by the Texas Department of State Health Services meeting state Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) requirements.

**Course Instructions:**  
*This is an internet course, there are no class sessions.*  
- Log on to MyBlackboard  
- Username = your WebAccess username  
- FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR PASSWORD  
- Click OK  
- Experiencing log in problems? Call 281-756-3544

1. After reading assigned chapters, students should access [www.cnsproductions.com](http://www.cnsproductions.com). The website may instruct you to obtain “Acrobat Adobe Reader” if your computer does not have this program, double click on the symbol. This will allow your computer to access information in a readable format.

2. Access information for students through the Students link on the navigation bar. Everything is available through the “Textbook Support” link on the Students dropdown menu. **When you would like to view the videos, you must register.** You may do this through Student


*Registration* which is also located under the *Student* dropdown menu. You must create an account using your e-mail address and a password of your choosing. When prompted to give the access code, enter **pressanykey**. After you have registered, you will be able to login as needed to view the videos.

3. **When you are ready to take your test for a grade:** There are three exams. All the exams are listed with an A and a B format. You may take both A and B versions of each exam. I will accept the higher of the two scores. You will have only one attempt for each version. The tests are administered in lockdown mode. That means that **you must load Respondus (the program that allows you to take your test) to your desktop (your computer) and enter Respondus to take your exams. If you go directly to blackboard to take the exam it will not open.** There is a link to load Respondus in the Announcement section in Blackboard.

4. **You must save your answers and you must click submit when you are finished.** You may view your score upon completion.

5. If you have any questions about testing, please call Melinda @ 281-756-3654, or you may e-mail her at mlaurence@alvincollege.edu. You also may contact me @ 281-756-3652 or by e-mail to jcarrier@alvincollege.edu.

It is a requirement that you contact your instructor each week with learning progress reports and that you interact using the discussion board on the material you have read. This is a non-content graded requirement with the purpose of giving the student the opportunity to communicate with other students taking this course.

C. **Course Goals and Objectives:**
This course concentrates on the pharmacology and neurochemistry of alcohol, and drugs, and other behaviors as well as discussions of these substances and behaviors in their historical, social and psychological contexts.
1. Introduce the student to different drug classifications, what their uses are, and how these drugs affect us.
2. Give a historical and pharmacological summarization of the drug classes.
4. Examine goals of drug treatments, options, and recovery for drug users.
5. Explore the relationship between mental illness and substance abuse in context of approaches to treating dually diagnosed clients.

D. **Methodology:**
This is a Blackboard course (internet). Course consists of on-line communications, the discussion board, video links through the publisher’s textbook support, crossword puzzle quizzes, and on-line examinations.

E. **Prerequisites:**
None
F. **Class Attendance Policy:**
MyBlackboard (internet) students are required to contact their instructor at least one time every two weeks, provide a status update regarding their readings and make regular postings on the discussion board. Failure to log on to MyBlackboard for which the student is officially registered will result in a failing (F) grade. Regular attendance is expected. If an absence is unavoidable, the student is responsible for completing all work missed during the absence. Students unable to attend should contact their instructors as soon as possible concerning the absence.

G. **Textbooks:**
Uppers, Downers and All Arounders, 7th Ed., W. E. Cohen & D. S. Inaba, CNS Publications, Inc. ISBN 9780926544307. This textbook can be purchased at the ACC bookstore. Bookstore hours can vary during holidays so please call the bookstore at 281-756-3681 for more information. The textbook can also be purchased online and mailed directly to your residence from: [http://www.alvinccstore.com/](http://www.alvinccstore.com/)

H. **Additional Materials:**
- For your convenience, you may access the available TIP’s (Treatment Improvement Protocols) and TAP’s (Technical Assistance Publications) at [http://www.alvincollege.edu/HumanServices/tipstaps.aspx](http://www.alvincollege.edu/HumanServices/tipstaps.aspx)
- Treatment Improvement Protocols (TIPs) and Technical Assistance Publications (TAPs) are best practice guidelines for the treatment of substance abuse disorders, provided as a service of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). CSAT’s Office of Evaluation, Scientific Analysis and Synthesis draws on the experience and knowledge of clinical, research, and administrative experts to produce the TIPs, which are distributed to a growing number of facilities and individuals across the country. A major goal of each TIP and TAP is to convey “front line” information quickly but responsibly.

I. **Assignments, Exams and Grading Summary:**
There are three (3) exams. Your final grade will be the average of your three exams. Each exam will come in two forms: Form A and Form B. When you take a test, click on form A first; for example Exam 1-A. If you are not happy with your score, you may take form B in order to try to improve your score. Form B consists of different questions from the same reading material.

**Suggested Due Dates:**
- Exam 1 will cover chapters 1, 2 and 3 6/25/14
- Exam 2 will cover chapters 4, 5, and 6 7/16/14
- Exam 3 will cover chapters 7, 8, 9, and 10 8/13/14

In order to receive a grade and credit for this course, the student must complete all three exams by August 13, 2014. Failure to complete the course work will result in an “F”.

J. **Grading Scale:**

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**Incomplete.** No Incompletes or “I” grades will be given except for extreme circumstances. If an “I” grade is assigned and the course work is not completed by the pre-arranged time limit, this grade will convert to an “F”.

**Withdrawal.** Students who file withdrawal requests by the published deadline will receive a grade of W. It is recommended that the student talk to the instructor before withdrawing. If a decision is made to withdraw, the student must start the process at the Enrollment Services Center, room A-100 or call them for information at 281-756-3531, by the deadline. Failure to withdraw may result in a grade of F.

K. **Late Course Work Policy:**

No extensions - In order to receive a grade and credit for this course, the student must complete all three exams by August 13, 2014. Failure to complete the course work will result in an “F”.

L. **Exam Policy:**

You may take test forms A and B for each of the exams; the higher of the two scores will be counted as your exam grade.

M. **Classroom Protocol:**

It is the right of each student to participate in his or her learning, and it is the responsibility of each student to not interfere with the learning of other students. It is the expectation of the college that each student assumes the responsibility to follow college policies and procedures governing campus and classroom/online classroom conduct. This information is published in the ACC Student Handbook [http://www.alvincollege.edu/resources/pdfs/student_handbook.pdf](http://www.alvincollege.edu/resources/pdfs/student_handbook.pdf)

N. **Disclaimer:**

The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus as needed and will notify the students of any changes using the ACC e-mail or MyBlackboard e-mail or announcements.

O. **Expectations:**

1. *Students are expected to obtain a textbook and send the instructor an e-mail through blackboard by the second week of class stating that they have read this syllabus and understand what is expected of them.*

2. *Students are expected to allocate a minimum of 10 hours per week on textbook readings, interacting with course materials, participating in class discussions, and completing assignments, quizzes and exams.*

3. *Students are expected to use the computers in the ACC computer Labs or have a workable computer that can access the course website/MyBlackBoard. Having a slow Internet connection or a disruption in Internet access service at home or any other technical problems on the student’s side are NOT acceptable excuses for late work.*

P. **ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND SUPPORT SERVICES:**

1. Computers are available for use by all registered ACC students in any of the 23 ACC/PCC computer labs, including the Cyber Lab, room A-173. *Hours may vary for the summer session,*
**please call in advance** 281-756-3544 or check the ACC website for more information about all ACC computer labs.

2. The ACC Library website: [http://www.alvincollege.edu/library/default.htm](http://www.alvincollege.edu/library/default.htm)

3. The ACC Learning Lab and Writing Center, A-235, is for help with writing assignments, tutoring, exams, and additional computer access: [http://www.alvincollege.edu/resources/learning_lab.htm](http://www.alvincollege.edu/resources/learning_lab.htm)

4. “MyBlackboard - Support for MYBlackboard can be obtained by completing the ONLINE SUPPORT FORM.”

5. WEBACCESS, Passwords or Computer Labs- contact the IT Dept. Help Desk at 281-756-3544.

Q. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:**
ACC complies with ADA and 504 Federal guidelines by affording equal access to individuals who are seeking an education. Students who have a disability and would like classroom accommodations must register with the Office of Disability Services, A 136, (281)756-3533. Instructors are not able to provide accommodations until the proper process has been followed.

R. **CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND HONESTY:**
Students at Alvin Community College are members of an institution dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge through a formalized program of instruction and learning. At the heart of this endeavor, lie the core values of academic integrity which include honesty, truth, and freedom from lies and fraud. Because personal integrity is important in all aspects of life, students at Alvin Community College are expected to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity both in and out of the classroom. Incidents of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and students guilty of such conduct are subject to severe disciplinary measures.

S. **Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) – Letting someone know:**
The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) at Alvin Community College is committed to improving community safety through a proactive, collaborative, coordinated, objective and thoughtful approach to the prevention, identification, assessment, intervention and management of situations that pose, or may reasonably pose, a threat to the safety and well-being to the campus community.
College faculty, staff, students and community members may communicate concerns to the BIT by email, BIT@alvincollege.edu, or through an electronic reporting option located on the BIT page of the college website, www.alvincollege.edu/bit.