CNEP 5312: ADDICTIONS COUNSELING
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi
Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology

COURSE SYLLABUS

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I. Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of addictions treatment and the counseling dynamics involved, as well as the significance and impact of addictions within our society. Students will investigate physiological, emotional, social, and physical aspects related to addictions. Students will examine specific treatment strategies applicable to the biopsychosocial issues related to addictions, as well as current ethical and professional issues in the field.

II. Rationale

This course is required for students seeking to earn a master’s degree in counseling with a specialization in addictions counseling. This course also can be used as an elective by students in any of the other specializations (clinical mental health, school, or marriage, couple and family) offered within the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology.

This course is designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of addictions treatment and the counseling dynamics involved as well as the significant impact addictions have on our society. The course will help student apply their knowledge of individual, family, and group counseling strategies as they are applied to addictions counseling and the addictions treatment environment.

Recent advances in medicine and neuroscience challenge professional counselors and mental health professionals to examine biological bases for behavior, as well as integrated bio-psychosocial treatments of addictive and other mental disorders. This course is designed to assist counselors in developing competencies concerned with understanding complex presenting problems, developing meaningful treatment plans, and consulting with physicians and other health care providers.

III. State Adopted Proficiencies for School Counselors

School Counselor Standard 1: Learner-Centered Knowledge
The professional school counselor must have a broad knowledge base.
School Counselor Standard II: Learner-Centered Skills
The professional school counselor applies the knowledge base to promote the educational, personal, social, and career development of the learner.

School Counselor Standard III: Learner-Centered Process
The professional school counselor participates in the development, monitoring, and evaluation of a developmental school guidance and counseling program that promotes learners’ knowledge, skills, motivation, and personal growth.

School Counselor Standard IV: Learner-Centered Equity and Excellence for All Learners:
The professional school counselor promotes academic success for all learners by acknowledging, respecting, and responding to diversity while building on similarities that bond all people.

School Counselor Standard V: Learner-Centered Communications
The professional school counselor, an advocate for all students and the school, demonstrates effective professional and interpersonal communication skills.

School Counselor Standard VI: Learner-Centered Professional Development:
The professional school counselor pursues continuous professional development, demonstrating a commitment to learn, to improve the profession, and to model professional ethics and personal integrity.

IV. TExES Competencies

Competency 001 (Human Development): The school counselor understands processes of human development and applies this knowledge to provide a developmental guidance program, including counseling services that meets the needs of all students.

Competency 002 (Student Diversity): The school counselor understands human diversity and applies this knowledge to ensure that the developmental guidance and counseling program is responsive to all students.

Competency 003 (Factors Affecting Students): The school counselor understands factors that may affect students' development and school achievement and applies this knowledge to promote students' ability to achieve their potential.

Competency 004 (Program Management): The school counselor understands how to plan, implement, and evaluate a developmental guidance program, including counseling services, which promotes all students' success.

Competency 005 (Developmental Guidance Program): The school counselor knows how to provide a comprehensive developmental guidance program that promotes all students' personal growth and development.

Competency 006 (Counseling): The school counselor understands how to provide effective counseling services to individuals and small groups.
**Competency 007 (Assessment):** The school counselor understands principles of assessment and is able to use assessment results to identify students' strengths and needs, monitor progress, and engage in planning to promote school success.

**Competency 008 (Collaboration with Families):** The school counselor knows how to communicate effectively with families and establish collaborative relationships that enhance work with students.

**Competency 009 (Collaboration with Others in the School and Community):** The school counselor understands how to work collaboratively with other professionals and with community members to promote positive change and to facilitate student learning.

**Competency 010 (Professionalism):** The school counselor understands and complies with ethical, legal, and professional standards relevant to the profession.

**V. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes**

**A) Objectives**

*This course is designed to meet 2016 CACREP entry-level specialty area standards (Section 5) for addiction counseling. The following standards are covered in this course. Standards shown in **bold type** represent the targeted course objectives that will be assessed in this course throughout the semester.*

**Addiction Counseling Standards**

- **CACREP Standard 5-A-1-a:** History and development of addiction counseling.
- **CACREP Standard 5-A-1-b:** Theories and models of addiction related to substance use as well as behavioral and process addictions.
- **CACREP Standard 5-A-1-c:** Principles and philosophies of addiction-related self-help.
- **CACREP Standard 5-A-1-d:** Principles, models, and documentation formats of biopsychosocial case conceptualization and treatment planning.
- **CACREP Standard 5-A-1-e:** Neurological, behavioral, psychological, physical, and social effects of psychoactive substances and addictive disorders on the user and significant others.
- **CACREP Standard 5-A-1-f:** Psychological tests and assessments specific to addiction counseling.
- **CACREP Standard 5-A-2-a:** Roles and settings of addiction counselors.
- **CACREP Standard 5-A-2-b:** Potential for addictive and substance use disorders to mimic and/or co-occur with a variety of medical and psychological disorders.
CACREP Standard 5-A-2-c: Factors that increase the likelihood for a person, community, or group to be at-risk for or resilient to psychoactive substance use disorders.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-d: Regulatory processes and substance abuse policy relative to service delivery opportunities in addiction counseling.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-e: Importance of vocation, family, social networks, and community systems in the addiction treatment and recovery process.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-f: Role of wellness and spirituality in the addiction recovery process.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-g: Culturally and developmentally relevant education programs that raise awareness and support addiction and substance abuse prevention and the recovery process.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-h: Classifications, indications, and contraindications of commonly prescribed psychopharmacological medications for appropriate medical referral and consultation.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-i: Diagnostic process, including differential diagnosis and the use of current diagnostic classification systems, including *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)* and *International Classification of Diseases (ICD).*

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-j: Cultural factors relevant to addiction and addictive behavior.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-k: Professional organizations, preparation standards, and credentials relevant to the practice of addiction counseling.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-l: Legal and ethical considerations specific to addiction counseling.

CACREP Standard 5-A-2-m: Record keeping, third party reimbursement, and other practice and management considerations in addiction counseling.

CACREP Standard 5-A-3-a: Screening, assessment, and testing for addiction, including diagnostic interviews, mental status examination, symptom inventories, and psychoeducational and personality assessments.

CACREP Standard 5-A-3-b: Assessment of biopsychosocial and spiritual history relevant to addiction.
• CACREP Standard 5-A-3-c: Assessment for symptoms of psychoactive substance toxicity, intoxication, and withdrawal.

• CACREP Standard 5-A-3-d: Techniques and interventions related to substance abuse and other addictions.

• CACREP Standard 5-A-3-e: Strategies for reducing the persisting negative effects of substance use, abuse, dependence, and addictive disorders.

• CACREP Standard 5-A-3-f: Strategies for helping clients identify the effects of addiction on life problems and the effects of continued harmful use or abuse, and the benefits of a life without addiction.

• CACREP Standard 5-A-3-g: Evaluating and identifying individualized strategies and treatment modalities relative to clients’ stage of dependence, change, or recovery.

• CACREP Standard 5-A-3-h: Strategies for interfacing with the legal system and working with court referred clients.

B) Learning Outcomes

This course infuses the Learning Objectives of CACREP Section 5 Standards, the state adopted proficiencies for school counselors, and the TExES competencies listed above to enable students to demonstrate understanding of the following objectives. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

• Explain the history, philosophy, and trends in addiction counseling as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the weekly online quizzes.

• Apply ethical/legal considerations related to addictions counseling as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the case study analyses papers.

• List the roles, functions, and settings of addictions counselors, as well as relating with other mental health professions as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the weekly online quizzes and comprehensive final examination.

• Describe a range of models and theories of addictions counseling as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the weekly online quizzes.

• Differentiate between substance use and addiction disorders which might mimic and coexist with medical/psychological disorders as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the case study analyses papers.

• Identify the impact of crises, disasters, and traumatic events as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the self-help reflection paper.
Describe the operation of an emergency management system within addiction agencies as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the weekly discussion board postings.

Describe the role of family, social and community systems in treatment and recovery as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the abstinence reflection paper.

Describe a variety of helping strategies for addictive disorders as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the abstinence reflection paper.

Describe the principles and philosophies of self-help programs as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the self-help group reflection paper.

Identify interventions and principles for additions clients during crises, disasters, and traumatic events as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the comprehensive final examination.

Explain how a multicultural society affects clients with addictions as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on the self-help group reflection paper.

Demonstrate use of current literature on theories, strategies, and techniques as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on discussion board postings.

VI. Course Topics

- Identification of substances of abuse and the continuum of use
- Historical/current problems in addictions
- Biopsychosocial process of addictions
- Community consequences of addictions and addictive behaviors
- Theories and models of addictions and treatment
- Substance use disorders and process/behavioral addictions
- Assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning
- Treatment options for inpatient and outpatient settings
- Individual, group, and family treatments and interventions
- Relapse/recurrence patterns and maintaining sobriety
- Prevention strategies and client education
- Working with diverse and multicultural groups
- Treating dual disorders and co-existing medical conditions
- Ethical and legal issues in addictions counseling

VII. Instructional Methods and Activities

This course will be offered as an online course. Per TAMUCC guidelines, online courses have at least 85% of their instruction offered online and no more than eight face-to-face meeting hours. However, for this course there will not be any face-to-face meetings scheduled and instruction will be offered 100% online. Students should be familiar with Blackboard as it will serve as the
primary interface between students and instructor. Students can access the Blackboard page for this course at: https://bb9.tamucc.edu/ using their TAMUCC login. At the beginning of the semester, students will receive electronic communication from the instructor providing direction for how the course should be navigated and expectations for student success.

VIII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

A) Major Course Assignments

Discussion Board Participation

To replicate the exchange of ideas present in a face-to-face course, a class discussion board will be used to allow students to interact with one another in an online format. Each week, a new topic or question will be posted in the discussion board. Students will need to thoughtfully consider the topic or question and author a response to be posted on the discussion board. In addition, students will need to post a minimum of two substantive responses to the posts of their classmates during the week. At the end of the week (Sunday evening), the instructor will review all posts to determine whether students have met this requirement or not. Discussion posts will be evaluated based on their content. Specifically, posts should be grammatically correct and free from error, contain thoughtful responses, be based on a critical review of the professional literature, and demonstrate a student’s understanding of the topic being discussed. Responses to the posts of classmates should extend beyond simply pleasantries such as “good job” or “I agree.” The goal is to engage in a mature and professional dialogue with your peers. Additional details related to the evaluation of discussion board posts will be distributed at the beginning of class. Discussion board posts account for 50 points of your final grade.

Weekly Online Quizzes

Each week, a brief quiz will be posted to assess students’ understanding of the topics being discussed. The quizzes will be made available online at the end of the week, and students will have three days to complete. Quiz questions are multiple choice formatted and only reflect the material discussed for the previous week (not cumulative). There will be five quizzes available for students to take throughout the semester. Each quiz is worth 10 points for a total of 50 points possible toward your final course grade.

Case Study Analysis Papers

During the semester, two client case study vignettes will be distributed. These case study vignettes are designed to help you develop proficiency in assessing, diagnosing, and treating clients who present with problems related to addiction in their lives. Using the knowledge you are gaining in this course, you will be asked to complete the following for each case study:

1. Description of your client including an identification of his/her presenting issue(s) or problem(s)
2. Preliminary diagnosis for your client. Include a discussion of the signs and symptoms you noted that led to your decision. Be sure to mention any differential diagnoses you considered and what ultimately led you to exclude those disorders from consideration.

3. Description of the therapeutic process (i.e., what counseling looks like for a client who has this diagnosis) and any treatment goals you would establish for working with this client.

4. Description of the interventions/strategies/techniques that would be most appropriate for your work with this client.

5. Description of your plan for evaluating client progress and assessing the effectiveness of the interventions/strategies/techniques you choose to employ.

Due dates for these case study analyses are specified on the course Blackboard page. Each paper should **not** exceed five pages (excluding cover page) in length. A minimum of five professional references other than course textbooks (used in this or any other course you may be taking) **must** be cited in each paper. References should come from current (2005-present) issues of scholarly journals. Each case study analysis paper will be worth 50 points, and a maximum of 100 points can be earned for this assignment.

**Self-Help or 12-Step Meeting Reflection Paper**

Each student will attend three self-help or 12-step meetings and write a 3-5 page reflective paper about the experience. Options include, but are not limited to AA, Al-Anon, NA, PDAP, and Celebrate Recovery. Students can locate meetings through the Internet, advertisements, personal referral, and the like. Students should feel free to express both positive and negative reactions to the experience, but please be reminded that the anonymity of all parties (such as meeting participants) must be respected. Please see guidelines below for attending self-help meetings, and remember to use correct APA style in your writing. The reflection paper is worth 100 points toward your final course grade.

**Guidelines for visiting self-help and 12-step meetings:** Only attend “open” meetings which are designed to accommodate visitors. “Closed” meetings are limited to individuals in recovery and involved in a particular program. You should ask before you go to a meeting or immediately upon arrival. If the chair asks for introductions, you may want to introduce yourself as a visitor, such as a student wanting to learn about addiction. While in attendance, you should not be taking any notes or recording any of the meeting. Remember that the complete anonymity of all participants should be respected during the meeting and in any evaluation process following the experience.

**Abstinence Exercise and Paper**

This exercise is designed to help you experience some of the feelings/thoughts that addicted individuals experience when they quit their drug or behavior of choice. This exercise requires that you give up a substance (e.g., nicotine, caffeine, or alcohol) or a behavior (e.g., Internet use, eating sweets, playing video/computer games, social networking, watching television, or cell phone texting) for a period of **3 weeks**. For those of you who have difficulty identifying a substance or behavior, please contact me so we can discuss what might be a challenge for you to give up for this time period. This assignment will be graded based upon the criteria found in the
Scoring Rubric for Abstinence Exercise located at the end of this syllabus.

During this assignment you will (a) write an introductory letter to your substance/behavior, (b) keep an abstinence log of your experiences, and (c) write a summary paper which will serve as the conclusion to the 3 week exercise. This assignment will have the following components:

A “Letter to my Substance/Behavior” – written in the first person to the substance/behavior from which you are abstaining, will be due before the abstinence period begins the content for this letter is as follows:

**Letter to my Substance/Behavior**

This 1 – 2 page paper is to be written to the substance or behavior from which you are abstaining. This is to be written in the first person (e.g., “caffeine, you have always been there for me in the morning…”) and should cover the following 5 areas:

1) How my addictive substance/behavior is loved and is considered a “friend”
2) How my addictive substance/behavior is sensual (appeals to my senses)
3) How my addictive substance/behavior provides “healing” or is a “balm” to my emotional wounds
4) How my addictive substance/behavior controls and promotes my feelings of helplessness and entrapment
5) How my addictive substance/behavior is hated – what it has “cost” me

An abstinence log – This log will describe your feelings and reactions, especially focusing on times you “lapse” or experience temptation. It is especially important to indicate times when it was both difficult and easy to abstain, as well as those specific circumstances during which you “slipped” (birthdays, holidays, and weekends seem especially difficult). Although daily entries into the log are not required, daily entries have been reported as most helpful by previous students. The log needs to be computer generated (a minimum of half a page per entry) and should have a minimum of four entries per week. There will be a minimum of 12 entries in all.

A summary paper – This is to be a minimum two to three page paper describing the abstinence experience (e.g., did you succeed or fail, what influenced you, what was the process like for you, etc.) and will serve as the conclusion to your overall experience.

Note: Both your introductory letter and summary paper do not have to be formatted according to APA style guidelines. The complete project (including all three components) is worth 100 points toward your final grade.

Comprehensive Examination

Students will be given a comprehensive exam, based on assigned readings from the textbooks, covering course material/objectives. The exam will cover material from textbooks, lecture, discussion, and may require further research. Students must work independently on this examination. Students will also sign the honor pledge, and are reminded that they need to report
academic dishonesty. Examinations will not be accepted after the due date—do not even ask. Please see Class Policies for further details. The examination is worth 100 points toward your final grade for the course.

B) Point Allocation

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IX. Course Schedule and Policies

A) Course Schedule

See schedule for the current academic semester included at the end of this syllabus.

B) Course Policies

**Attendance**

Although this course is being offered in an online format, students are expected to maintain a continual presence in the course. Students should not put off all work until the end of the semester as doing so diminishes the richness of the learning process. If you find yourself in a situation where you will need to be absent from the course for a period of time, please email your instructor so that a personal plan of action can be developed and put into action.

**Professionalism**

By enrolling in a graduate program you have begun your professional career. As such, the expectation is that you will conduct yourself as a professional. A significant part of being a professional is being respectful to your peers and instructor at all times. Examples of disrespectful and unprofessional behavior in a face-to-face class include: talking in class, not paying attention, criticizing others’ thoughts and beliefs, falling asleep, or texting/talking on a phone. These same behaviors can be found in online classes as well, especially when participating in class discussion boards. While it is understandable that there may be times when
you are not in total agreement with your peers or instructor, respect for the academic environment should always be acknowledged. Good advice would be to reread your posts before uploading them, to see if they may be disrespectful or hurtful to others.

**Statement of Civility**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. The University’s goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. To assist in meeting this goal, you are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state, and federal government. You are expected to behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful, and courteous to all people; regardless of gender, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, age, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

**Late Submissions of Student Work**

All assignments are to be submitted online to the course Blackboard page prior to the beginning of class on the due date specified in the course calendar (see end of syllabus). Assignments not received prior to the beginning of class will be considered late. A letter grade deduction will be applied to all late submissions that were not discussed with your instructor in advance. Assignments not turned in 30 days after the due date will no longer be accepted and students will receive a zero for that particular assignment.

**Extra Credit**

As a general rule, extra credit opportunities will not be extended in this course. Course grades should be reflective of the proficiency level students are able to demonstrate through all course assignments and assessments. Requests to award additional points without just cause or to assign alternative/additional work for credit will be denied.

**Academic Integrity and Plagiarism**


University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism (plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work).

Disciplinary action for academic misconduct is the responsibility of the faculty member assigned to the course. The faculty member is charged with assessing the gravity of any case of academic dishonesty, and with giving sanction to any student involved. Penalties that the instructor might possibly apply to individual cases of academic dishonesty include:

- Written reprimand
- Requirement to re-do work in question
- Requirement to submit additional work
• Lowering of grade on work in question
• Assigning grade of "F" to work in question
• Assigning grade of "F" for course
• Recommendation for more severe punishment, such as dismissal from program or University

If the faculty member determines that assigning a grade of "F" to the course is the appropriate penalty and this disciplinary action occurs prior to the deadline for dropping courses, the student forfeits his/her right to drop the course in question.

If the faculty member recommends more severe punishment, such as dismissal from the program or from the University, the faculty member will notify the appropriate chair/college dean, who in turn will notify the Office of Student Affairs. If dismissal from the University is recommended, the Office of Student Affairs will follow its procedure for such cases.

The faculty member must file a record for each case of academic dishonesty, including a description of the disciplinary action taken, along with any materials involved, with his or her college dean, who will forward a copy to the Office of Student Affairs. The office of the academic dean of the college in which the offense took place will maintain records of all cases of academic dishonesty reported for a period of five years. The Office of Student Affairs will also maintain records of such cases for a period of five years. The Office of Student Affairs will inform the Graduate Dean as appropriate.

Any student who has been penalized for academic dishonesty has the right to appeal the judgment or the penalty assessed. Students who wish to appeal an academic dishonesty decision should contact the Office of Student Affairs for guidance on the appropriate steps for initiating the process.

**Dropping a Class**

My hope is that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class during your program of study. With that being said, I realize events sometimes occur that make dropping a course a necessary and wise decision. If you ever find yourself in a situation like this, I ask that you consult with me before you decide to drop the course to be sure it is your best option. Should dropping the course prove to be the best action for you to take, it is **your responsibility** to initiate the drop process by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Simply discontinuing your attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class, and a final grade will be issued.

**Communication**

Each TAMUCC student has access to an individual e-mail account assigned to them by the university. This is the primary method through which your instructor will communicate with you throughout the semester. At the beginning of the course, students should make sure they have activated their account and make plans to check the account regularly. Students can expect to receive a response to their queries form their instructor within 48 hours (excluding weekends and university-recognized holidays).
X. Textbooks


Optional Texts (recommended but NOT required):


XI. Bibliography


XII. Grade Appeals

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules website at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

XIII. Disability Accommodations

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Driftwood 101.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

XIV. Academic Continuity

In the event of an unforeseen adverse event such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi, this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.
XV. Course Assignment Evaluation Rubrics

(See following pages)
# RUBRIC A

## Case Study Analysis Paper Rubric

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<td><strong>Case Conceptualization</strong> ________/10 points</td>
<td>All elements of case conceptualization clearly fit to create a unified understanding to guide counseling process. Sophisticated conceptualization that identifies subtle issues.</td>
<td>Provides a useful description of key issues for developing treatment plan. Few if any inconsistencies.</td>
<td>Significant problems with conceptualization, such as irreconcilable discrepancies or missing key issues.</td>
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<td><strong>Accurate Diagnosis</strong> ________/20 points</td>
<td>Diagnosis is accurate and applied correctly. Major characteristics noted in client presentation are stated and discussed in the context of the case study.</td>
<td>Diagnosis is not complete. Major characteristics are stated but they are not discussed or supported in the context of this case study.</td>
<td>Diagnosis is inaccurate. Several major characteristics of the disorder were missed, overlooked, left out of your discussion or were incorrectly attributed to the client in the case study.</td>
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<td><strong>Treatment Plan</strong> ________/10 points</td>
<td>Treatment plan designed for this client utilizes a variety of strategies that are supported in the professional literature.</td>
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<td>Treatment plan is devoid of any logical strategies or techniques related that have a proven empirical basis to them.</td>
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<td><strong>Grammar and APA Formatting</strong> ________/5 points</td>
<td>Well-written, even flow. Evident that the paper was edited and reviewed prior to submission. Closely follows all the requirements related to format and layout.</td>
<td>Acceptable format. All requirements are not followed. Some grammatical and APA formatting errors were noted.</td>
<td>Poorly written, does not follow required format or layout. Numerous grammatical and APA formatting errors noted throughout.</td>
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<td><strong>Use of Resources</strong> ________/5 points</td>
<td>The number of references used exceeds the minimum for this assignment. All references are from scholarly sources and are fully integrated into the flow of the paper.</td>
<td>A sufficient number of resources were used; however, they are not fully integrated into the flow of the paper.</td>
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**TOTAL POINTS:** ________/50 points

# RUBRIC B

## Self-Help/12-Step Meeting Reflection Paper Rubric
### Responsiveness (40 points):"Addresses philosophy of self-help program; identifies response to the meeting and why this meeting was chosen.

**Standard: C6**

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### Content (40 points): Demonstrates an understanding of the disease model and co-occurring disorders.

**Standard: CHMC-C4**

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**RUBRIC C**

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<td><strong>Abstinence Log</strong></td>
<td>This log will record your three week abstinence experience, focusing on a description of your feelings and reactions, especially during (a) times you “lapse” or experience temptation, (b) times when it was both difficult and easy to abstain, and (c) specific circumstances during which you “slipped” (birthdays, holidays, and weekends seem especially difficult). There will be a minimum of eighteen entries in all, each a minimum of half a page per entry.</td>
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