

## Course Outline

**Code: COU708**

### Title: Counselling and Addictions

**School:** Social Sciences  
**Teaching Session:** Semester 2  
**Year:** 2019  
**Course Coordinator:** Dr Trudi Flynn – tflynn@usc.edu.au  
**Course Moderator:** Dr Mark Pearson

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

#### 1. What is this course about?

##### 1.1 Description

This course utilises a biopsychosocial framework to explore contributing factors and impacts of addiction. The course will examine processes of change when engaging therapeutically with alcohol, drug and other behavioural addictions, and investigate current intervention and treatment strategies when working with individuals, groups and within the community. Skills training will centre around assessment and care planning, therapeutic intervention approaches, relapse prevention and therapist self-care

##### 1.2 Field trips, WIL placements or activities required by professional accreditation

Activity	Details
Nil	Nil

#### 2. What level is this course?

700 level Specialised - Demonstrating a specialised body of knowledge and set of skills for professional practice or further learning. Advanced application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

#### 3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

#### 4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

Specific Learning Outcomes	Assessment tasks	Graduate Qualities or Professional Standards mapping
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to:	You will be assessed on the learning outcomes in task/s:	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to:
Demonstrate mastery of the theoretical concepts underpinning addictions including biomedical, psychological and social frameworks, and the classification of treatments for a variety of addictions.	1	Creative and Critical Thinkers Knowledgeable

<b>Specific Learning Outcomes</b> On successful completion of this course, you should be able to:	<b>Assessment tasks</b> You will be assessed on the learning outcomes in task/s:	<b>Graduate Qualities or Professional Standards mapping</b> Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to:
Analyse and evaluate the role of counselling, pharmacotherapy and other treatment supports used with individual, couples and family impacted by addiction issues.	1, 2, 3	Critical and Creative thinkers Empowered
Apply knowledge and skills learned in a counselling session.	2	Empowered Knowledgeable
Apply a client-directed and outcome informed approach in developing a comprehensive treatment plan for a client presenting with addictions in an ethical and responsible manner.	3	Empowered Ethical

## 5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

### 5.1 Enrolment restrictions

Must be enrolled in AR708

### 5.2 Pre-requisites

COU780 / SCS180, COU701, COU750 or enrolled in SC720

### 5.3 Co-requisites

SCS720

### 5.4 Anti-requisites

SCS708

### 5.5 Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Nil

## 6. How am I going to be assessed?

### 6.1 Grading scale

Standard – High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL)

### 6.2 Details of early feedback on progress

Students will be requested to complete online tests at the end of Weeks 4, 8 and 12, that will assess acquisition and comprehension of material presented during the four weeks prior to each test.

### 6.3 Assessment tasks

Task No.	Assessment Product	Individual or Group	Weighting %	What is the duration / length?	When should I submit?	Where should I submit it?
1	Quiz/zes	Individual	20% in total  10% for each of 2 tests	30 minutes for each test	Weeks 5 and 9	Quiz (Online Test)
2	Oral, and Written Piece	Individual	45 %	30 Minutes video role play; 1000 word written critical reflection	Week 10	B-Line and online assignment submission with Plagiarism check
3	Case Study	Individual	35%	2500 words	Week 13	Online Assignment Submission with Plagiarism check
			100%			

#### Assessment 1: Addictions and Counselling Theory online tests

<b>Goal:</b>	Demonstrate mastery of core theoretical concepts.
<b>Product:</b>	Examination
<b>Format:</b>	This task involves completion a set of three on-line, theory-based tests. The tests will consist of multiple-choice items only. Items will cover core concepts covered in Weeks 1-5 (Test 1); 6-9 (Test 2)) of the course.
<b>Criteria:</b>	Accurate responses to test items will demonstrate knowledge and understanding.

#### Assessment Task 2: Demonstration of a Counselling Session (Recorded on Video)

<b>Goal:</b>	To apply knowledge and skills in a counselling roleplay; To demonstrate capacity to critically reflect on skills and performance
<b>Product:</b>	Oral and Written Piece
<b>Format:</b>	<p>You will conduct and record a role play of a counselling session with you in the counsellor role. It will be based on client scenarios that will be provided to you. You will also need to record 30 minutes of your role play in a digital recording format.</p> <p>Your role play will address one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploration of a substance abuse or gambling (or other agreed addiction) issue potentially affecting a client's well-being;</li> <li>• A client's decision to modify their behaviour;</li> <li>• Client care planning;</li> <li>• A third visit client review session;</li> <li>• Relapse planning or post relapse intervention with client presenting significant substance abuse.</li> </ul> <p>In this role play demonstration, you will utilise a client centred practice informed by your preferred counselling model.</p> <p>You will then be requested to complete a brief 1000 word critical reflection relating to your performance:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Describe</b> the <b>strategies</b> and <b>skills</b> you felt that you used <b>effectively</b>, explaining the effect of those skills on the client-counsellor relationship;</li> <li>- Were there strategies and skills used that you would like to strengthen?</li> <li>- Consider alternative strategies and skills that may have been appropriate.</li> <li>- Reflect on your client feedback;</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria:</b>	<p>Counselling Role Play Video:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate use of client outcome and feedback scales;</li> <li>• Effective use of selected counselling approach and related skills;</li> <li>• Clear and appropriate response to the presenting scenario;</li> <li>• Appropriate use of language, timing and ethical considerations.</li> <li>• Critical Reflection:</li> <li>• Understanding of the range and purpose of counselling skills demonstrated;</li> <li>• Appropriate intra- and interpersonal self-awareness;</li> <li>• Critique is analytical rather than descriptive; with a focus on process rather than content;</li> <li>• Evidence of personal learning through informed and pertinent critical reflection;</li> <li>• Quality and clarity of expression. Accuracy of grammar, punctuation and spelling.</li> <li>• Application of the APA 6<sup>th</sup> referencing and formatting style.</li> </ul>

### Assessment Task 3: Case Study: Care Plan and Rationale

<b>Goal:</b>	To develop a comprehensive treatment plan for a client with addictions
<b>Product:</b>	Case Study
<b>Format:</b>	<p>For this task, you will develop the kind of care plan you would prepare in a professional setting. You will be provided with a choice of case studies around which to develop your plan. In developing the care plan, you will research and apply your understanding of an addiction to a client's situation through an assessment process. This will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selecting and applying a method of assessment relevant to that addiction;</li> <li>• Developing a care plan based on the proforma provided on Blackboard and outlining your rationale and what you understand are the important bio-psycho-social issues for you to monitor and address from a counselling approach.</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment, care plan formulation, and provision informed by biomedical, psychological and social frameworks;</li> <li>• Coherent argument;</li> <li>• Use of appropriate literature and research to support the argument;</li> <li>• Consistent referencing;</li> <li>• Clarity of written expression.</li> </ul>

## 7. Directed study hours

The directed study hours listed here are a portion of the workload for this course. A 12 unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

<b>Location: Specific Campus(es) or online:</b>	<b>Directed study hours for location:</b>
Sippy Downs	7 workshops of 4hours each (fortnight) = 28 hours + 6 x 1hour online meetings – fortnightly - in alternate weeks = 6 hours

## 8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note that course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site. Please log in as soon as possible.

### **8.1 Prescribed text(s) or course reader**

Information regarding prescribed texts or other associated resources will be made available on the BlackBoard site prior to commencement of study

### **8.2 Specific requirements**

Nil

## **9. How are risks managed in this course?**

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low.

It is your responsibility as a student to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers, and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study. It is also your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online Health Safety and Wellbeing training module for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

## **10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?**

### **10.1 Assessment: Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

### **10.2 Assessment: Additional requirements**

#### **Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment**

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%
- b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale
- c) You have not failed an assessment task in the course due to academic misconduct

### **10.3 Assessment: Submission penalties**

Late submission of assessment tasks will be penalised at the following maximum rate:

- 5% (of the assessment task's identified value) per day for the first two days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.
- 10% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the third day
- 20% (of the assessment task's identified value) for the fourth day and subsequent days up to and including seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.
- A result of zero is awarded for an assessment task submitted after seven days from the date identified as the due date for the assessment task.

Weekdays and weekends are included in the calculation of days late.

To request an extension, you must contact your Course Coordinator and supply the required documentation to negotiate an outcome.

#### 10.4 Study help

In the first instance, you should contact your tutor, then the Course Coordinator. Additional assistance is provided to all students through Academic Skills Advisers. To book an appointment or find a drop-in session go to [Student Hub](#).

Contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or [studentcentral@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentcentral@usc.edu.au)

#### 10.5 Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website:

<http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

#### 10.6 General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
- **USC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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