A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course is designed to acquaint the student with physiological, psychological, and sociological aspects of commonly abused psychoactive drugs and their effects. Topics covered for each category of psychoactive drug include: general information, incidence and prevalence, mechanism of action, specific psychological and physical effects, and treatment approaches.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/05/2015 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. A basic understanding of how the brain and body work during the addictive process.
2. The clinical signs, symptoms and behaviors that may be indicative of psychoactive chemical use, abuse or dependence.
3. The functioning of the central nervous system and how it is affected by addictive behaviors or the use of psychoactive chemicals.
4. The names, classification and major clinical effects of psychoactive drugs of abuse and addiction.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Note: Attendance at the first class meeting is mandatory unless approved beforehand by the instructor.