Advanced practice of co-occurring disorders counseling requires excellence in clinical skills, program innovation and application of professional ethics. In this course, students build on their coursework and practicum experiences to gain advanced proficiencies in diagnostics, evidence-based practices and ethical decision-making. Students expand their competence in assessment and diagnosis of substance use, mental health and co-occurring disorders. Students examine the advancement of practice through emerging technologies and address barriers to implementation. Case studies that present especially challenging ethical dilemmas are considered and resolved through collaborative means. Special attention is paid to the responsiveness of professional counseling practice to the needs of clients from marginalized communities.

B. Course Effective Dates: 01/09/2017 - 12/10/2017 12/11/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Review key principles of effective assessment of co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders
2. Gain proficiency in using advanced diagnostics suitable to integrated care of co-occurring disorders
3. Apply advanced diagnostics using culturally-responsive tools and methods
4. Complete a detailed exploration of an emerging practice based in innovative technologies
5. Assess and respond to potential barriers to implementation of emerging technologies
6. Synthesize appropriate and collaborative responses to ethically challenging situations that arise in integrated care settings

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None