A. Course Description

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: PSYC 300 Abnormal Psychology

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: None

In this course, students gain advanced understanding of the etiology and treatment of psychopathology/psychiatric disorders as viewed from several theoretical perspectives. Assessment and diagnostic tools are reviewed, preparing students to apply this information in clinical practice. The overlap between psychopathology/psychiatric disorders and substance use disorders is described. The widely used DSM diagnostic system will be critically examined in terms of both its evidence base and its multicultural relevance.

B. Course Effective Dates: 01/10/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Risk and protective factors for psychopathology.
2. Various psychotherapeutic treatment models.
3. The DSM-5 diagnostic system and its strengths and weaknesses.
4. Alternative (non-DSM) methods of conceptualizing psychopathology diagnostic system
5. Basic understanding of psychopharmacological treatments.
6. The interface between culture, race, social class, and psychopathology.
7. Differences between the empirical structure of psychopathology and the DSM-5 conceptualization of psychopathology.
8. Relevant controversial issues in the field of psychopathology.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Note: Admission to the Masters in Alcohol and Drug Counseling program or Masters in Psychology program.