HSCD 650 : Evaluation and Utilization of Research

A. Course Description

Credits: 2

Prerequisites: HSCD 600 Foundations, Models and Evidence-Based Practices

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course is designed to expand understanding of formal and informal investigations relevant to alcohol and drug counseling, and to guide students in evaluating research and incorporating research results into counseling practice. Students endeavor to become proficient in searching, evaluating and critiquing scientific literature, particularly that regarding evidence-based practices and clinical outcomes evaluation in alcohol and drug counseling. Students also critically assess research with regard to the populations on which it is performed and on which its evaluation instruments are normed. This course provides the foundation for the Masters Project, as students determine the topic areas of their projects and consider how to implement them with underserved populations.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/19/2018 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze research reports for appropriateness of methodology in answering the questions posed by the investigators;
2. Critically assess the use of specific methods and assessment instruments for their generalizability to underserved populations/communities;
3. Explain the importance of fidelity and outcomes evaluation in implementation of evidence-based practices;
4. Use online resources to perform searches, survey findings and build a library of relevant literature; and
5. Choose an area of interest for the Master's Project and undertake a preliminary survey of the research literature in that area.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisite: Acceptance into the graduate program.