

Minnesota State University Moorhead

SW 638: Differential Diagnosis & Assessment

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course will explore common mental disorders and contemporary methods of assessment. Students in the course will develop differential diagnostic skills using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. The course will emphasize a multicultural, strengths-based, and person-in-the-environment approach.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 05/06/2022 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. The person-in-the-environment approach to mental health and illness
2. Biopsychosocial and strengths assessment
3. Disorders in childhood and adolescence
4. Disorders in adults
5. Disorders in the elderly

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Demonstrate use of the DSM 5 assessment model.
2. Discuss the appropriate use of diagnostic/classification systems and the ethical questions surrounding the use of these systems.
3. Discuss the biopsychosocial aspects of mental disorders.
4. Discuss the impact of various diverse identities as related to diagnosis and treatment.
5. Evidence an awareness of current evidence-based treatments for mental health problems.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted