**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Utica and Rome, New York**

**Course Outline**

**AS204-Special Topics in Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs C-3, Cr-3**

**Course Description**

A survey of issues is covered related to legal aspects of alcohol, drug, and treatment programs, treatment of special populations, child abuse reporting, treatment in correctional institutions, specialized addictive treatment modalities, and employee assistance programs. Poly-addiction and new drugs are included. In addition, issues related to the professional in alcoholism and substance abuse treatment are discussed. Other topical issues are introduced, based on class needs and new trends.

**Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in HS241 – Chemical Dependencies**

**Student Learning Outcomes**

The student will be able to:

1. Explain the effects of drugs and alcohol on special populations and diverse cultural groups.
2. explain the legal procedures relating to alcohol and drug treatment programs, including court referred clients.
3. Explain when appropriate referral is required for child abuse reporting.
4. Apply the concept of polyaddiction and related treatment issues to special populations
5. Analyze treatment issues related to special populations, including incarcerated clients.
6. Summarize the effects of drugs in the workplace and the role of Employee Assistance Programs.
7. Describe a variety of treatment techniques and approaches and emerging alternatives.
8. Analyze issues related to alcoholism/substance abuse treatment in various settings.
9. Compare and contrast a variety of issues related to the professional in alcoholism/substance abuse treatment programs.
10. Develop topical issues for class exploration, research and inquiry.
11. Apply counseling ethics to provider’s response to special populations and diverse cultural groups.

AS204 Major Topics

Cultural competency as a CASAC counselor

Overview of diverse cultural groups

Homeless population

Individuals with Disabilities

Adolescents

Women

American Indians

Latinos

Arab Americans and Refugees

Drug courts/Criminal Justice Population

Sex offenders

Gay/Lesbian/transgendered/bi-sexual

Dual-Diagnosis/Co-occurring disorders

Older adults

Workplace/EAP

Polysubstance abuse/Addiction

Treatment modalities applying cultural diversity