



### **Course Description**

#### **HUS2941 | Human Services Addiction Counseling Practicum | 6.00 credits**

This course is designed to provide the student with an arena to practice the application of Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques in a licensed addiction treatment facility. Prerequisites: HUS1302, 1421, 1423, 2493, 2500 and PSB2442.

### **Course Competencies:**

**Competency 1:** The student will student with an arena to practice the application of Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques in a licensed addiction treatment facility by:

1. Applying Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques learned in the course to real-life situations and client interactions within a licensed addiction treatment facility, ensuring the integration of evidence-based practices and ethical guidelines
2. Assessing client needs and developing comprehensive treatment plans based on the application of Human Services addiction counseling theories, considering factors such as client history, substance use patterns, co-occurring disorders, and treatment goals
3. Implementing a range of addiction counseling techniques, such as motivational interviewing, cognitive-behavioral therapy, relapse prevention strategies, and family therapy, within the licensed addiction treatment facility, tailored to meet the specific needs and preferences of clients

**Competency 2:** The student will actively engage in practicing the application of Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques within a licensed addiction treatment facility by:

1. Facilitating group counseling sessions within the licensed addiction treatment facility, creating a safe and supportive environment for clients to share experiences, explore feelings, and develop coping skills, while utilizing Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques
2. Utilizing assessment tools and techniques to gather relevant information about clients' substance use, mental health, social support systems, and treatment history, informing the development and implementation of effective counseling interventions
3. Collaborating with interdisciplinary teams within the licensed addiction treatment facility, including physicians, nurses, psychologists, and social workers, to ensure comprehensive and integrated care for clients, while utilizing Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques

**Competency 3:** The student will have developed proficiency in the application of Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques within a licensed addiction treatment facility by:

1. Evaluating the effectiveness of counseling interventions and treatment plans implemented within the licensed addiction treatment facility, utilizing outcome measures, client feedback, and professional supervision to inform ongoing practice and enhance client outcomes
2. Enhancing communication and therapeutic relationship-building skills with clients within the licensed addiction treatment facility, utilizing Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques to establish rapport, empathy, and trust, fostering a positive therapeutic alliance
3. Reflecting on personal experiences and growth as an addiction counselor within the licensed addiction treatment facility, critically analyzing the application of Human Services addiction counseling theories and techniques and identifying areas for further development and improvement

### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society