

SWPS-315: Substance Use and Abuse

(Elective) Provides an understanding of the widespread use and misuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD). Explores the dynamics of addictions as they are manifested at the individual, family, group and community levels. Current theories of addiction are explored along with strengths-based methods of assessment, prevention, and intervention in a variety of state, local, and private addictions agencies. Focus on the historical, biopsychosocial, and legal implications of drug abuse, including the controversial link between addiction and criminalization in the African American community. The impact of drug policies on African Americans, other oppressed groups, and high-risk populations are examined within the context of empowerment, social justice and relevant concepts.

Credits: 3

Program: Social Welfare Policy & Services