

Professional Development

Course Syllabus

Course Number: ED 550

Course Title: **VESi: Drugs & Alcohol in Schools: Understanding Substance Use and Abuse**

Instructor: Margaret Rapp Semester Credit(s): 2 Total Cost for Credit: **\$320.00**

1. Educational Goals for the Course:

- To give a more comprehensive understanding of alcohol and drugs, and their influences in the classroom.
- To provide a contextual framework for understanding what students may be experiencing through their own substance use or the impact of substance use around them.
- To provide a basic historical perspective of substance use along with biological, psychological, and social factors that comprise the disease of addiction.
- To give a better understanding of a multitude of complex dynamics that contribute to this biological and social phenomenon.

2. Instructional Learning Objectives:

Participants will:

- Understand the history of alcohol and drugs in society and the impact on current beliefs in our culture.
- Develop a basic understanding of the biopsychosocial nature of addiction.
- Understand the disease concept of addiction.
- Identify different drugs and the effects on the body.
- Understand the effects of substance abuse on child development and family systems.
- Develop a foundation of understanding of prevention, intervention, and support.

3. Course Requirements:

Participants will:

In Class:

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Out of Class:

- Complete all assigned activities for the course.
- Complete each sectional quiz (Assessment, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation) with 70% accuracy or better.
- Complete final examination with 70% accuracy or better.

4. Dates, Times and Location of Proposed Course:

(1 Semester Credit Equals 15 Professor Contact Hours plus an additional 30 Hours Outside Work)

Individual home study course, exact times and dates TBD and will meet accreditation standards for a two-semester credit course. Ending date must be specified at the time of registration and must be within 6 months of start date.

5. Due Dates for Completion of Course Requirements: within 6 months of start date

6. Learning Resources and Required Text: Drugs & Alcohol in Schools: Understanding Substance Use & Abuse (software package), author: Casey Jackson, MSW. Publisher: Virtual Education Software, Inc.

Technology Requirements

The software program is designed to be loaded onto the hard drive of your personal computer from a compact disk (CD). The software is designed to operate on Mac OS 9 or OS 10x, 256MB of RAM and 5MB of free hard disk space, 15" or larger color monitor with a minimum resolution of 800X600, CD driver 4xminimum speed and a printer connected to your computer. Please contact VESi if you have any questions about the compatibility of these systems.

7. Evaluation Procedure: Pass/Fail