



College of Allied
Health Sciences

Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling E-NEWSLETTER

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We Heard You

Due to the growing number clamoring to begin the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling, another section of Introduction to Substance Abuse, REHB 6703 will be offered this summer!! This course deals with the major drugs of abuse and their historical, social and legal impact on our society. It is required that students take this course their first semester in the Certificate Program as it's a prerequisite to the other courses.

Introduction to Substance Abuse will be offered online during the second summer session and will be taught by Dr. Crozier. If you have been accepted into the Program and need this course, please check the ECU Academic Calendar for dates when summer registration begins. If you have been accepted for fall 2011, you will need to contact the Graduate School to move your start date to the summer instead of fall.

The Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling

Welcome to the third issue of the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling E-Newsletter. You are now one of 1185 who have expressed interest in or have taken courses for this Certificate since its inception. At this point there are 197 in the program. Congrats to the 21 students who completed all 4 courses!

This Certificate is one of dozens at ECU, a leader in distance education in NC for 60 years and among the first schools nationally to offer programs completely over the Internet.

Don't forget, if you haven't applied yet, you need an undergraduate GPA of at least 2.5 to get accepted and a 3.0 GPA to graduate. The courses are Introduction to Substance Abuse, Treatment, Prevention and Contemporary Issues. The Graduate School has changed its policy such that all these courses need to be taken through ECU and can't be transferred in from another institution.

If you have questions or comments please contact Dr. Mary Crozier, Assistant Professor and Coordinator Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate, 252-744-6299, crozierm@ecu.edu

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NC Alcohol Sales & Prevention

North Carolina's Governor Perdue announced her decision to keep the current Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) system in tack and not privatize it. She states that "the current ABC system, especially with the new ethical standards in place, is well-run, and gives us the 3rd best excise revenue in the country."

Before this major decision, the governor examined the pros and cons of privatizing the sale of hard liquor. It's one way that the state could raise funds, but it could mean a potential increase in the number of alcohol outlets. For example, with state control there are approximately 7 alcohol outlets per 100,000 residents whereas states with privatization have approximately 44 outlets per 100,000 residents. According to the NC Department of MHDDSA, an increase in alcohol outlets is connected with an increase in alcoholism, violence, underage drinking, and murder rates. Currently there are 422 ABC stores statewide with sales totaling approximately \$727 million a year. NC ranks 48th per capita in consumption per gallon of alcohol making state control good for public health.
www.ncabc.com

FREE PRESENTATIONS!

Dr. Nassar-McMillan, Professor at N.C. State, will present on *Counseling Arab Americans in Contemporary Times* at Mendenhall, 244 on Feb. 1st, from 2:30 to 3:45 and on *Lab Coats Aren't for People Like Me: Exploring Gender, Culture, and Career Across Educational Disciplines* in Speight Hall 312 on Feb. 2nd, from 12:30 to 2:00. Sponsors are the Dept. of Rehabilitation Studies, the Dept. of Counselor Education, & the Rho Omega Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota.



Ready to graduate from the Certificate Program? You have to apply, like all ECU students, to receive a paper, suitable for framing certificate. Contact the Registrars' Office at least two months before finishing your last course. Complete the "Graduate Certification Graduation Application" form found in the Frequently Requested Forms link on the Registrar's page (<http://www.ecu.edu/registrar/>). They will mail it to you after your last semester.

SAVE THE DATE...

The Professional Association of Rehabilitation Counselors (PARC) will host its yearly conference on April 1 & 2, 2011 in Greenville. The topic will be on Using Transactional Analysis with Substance Abuse Clients. PARC has applied for ten credits for LPC, CRC, CSAC, LCAS and 1 CEU credit. For more details, fee, and location contact Dr. Crozier, PARC Conference Chair at crozierm@ecu.edu or Dr. Goodwin, PARC Founder at goodwinl@ecu.edu