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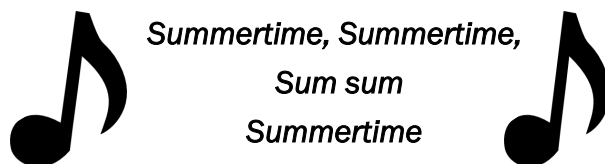
# Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling E-NEWSLETTER

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## The Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling

Welcome to the fifth issue of the Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling E-Newsletter. This Certificate continues to grow with more masters, doc, military, and international students! If you haven't applied yet, remember you need at least a 2.7 undergraduate GPA and a letter of intent along with the Graduate Schools' requirements (on-line application, fee and all transcripts). A 3.0 GPA is still needed to graduate. You may want to get started right away because summer 2012 will be different ...



We may be able to offer all 4 courses for the Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate Program during both summer sessions! If monies become available to hire adjuncts, we will be offering 2 courses first summer session and 2 courses second summer session toward the certificate. Interested individuals need to apply ASAP to get positioned to register this winter.

Contact Dr. Crozier, Coordinator of the Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate Program for details:  
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### PARC

The annual Professional Association for Rehabilitation Counselors (PARC) Conference will be March 16-17, 2012 at the Islander Inn, Emerald Isle, NC. The theme is spiritual and holistic practices for substance abuse and clinical counselors. The speakers are Calvin Mercer, Ph.D., Susan Vickery-Mercer, Ph.D., and Meg McGrew, MMA, ATR. Their workshops will include the use of yoga, breathing, art therapy, mandala drawing, and relaxation for treatment. Tuition for both days is: \$50 for members, \$80 for nonmembers, and \$15 for student members. One day rates, on-site registration, and Exhibit Booths are available. For information and to register contact: Dr. Goodwin, at 252-744-6292 or [goodwinl@ecu.edu](mailto:goodwinl@ecu.edu)



### Current Issues in SA Counseling



#### Marijuana Reform:

The "Regulate, Control, and Tax Cannabis Act of 2010" was featured on the November California ballot. For the first time since the '70s, marijuana may become another item at the drug store. Baby steps have been taken over the past 30 years like Proposition 215 in California that allowed possession and cultivation of medical marijuana .

The act proposed that individuals 21 years and older be allowed to possess, cultivate, or transport marijuana for personal use. The local government is permitted to regulate and tax commercial production, which, when taking into account California's faltering economy and the estimation of marijuana taxes bringing in over \$15 billion in illegal revenue, leads to a very interesting discussion.

The bill also pointed out that cannabis has fewer recorded negative effects as compared to alcohol and cigarettes. Is America ready for marijuana reform?

## Vocational Evaluation Certificate Program

The Certificate in Vocational Evaluation (CVE) will prepare students with fundamental and professional skills required to work as an evaluator. Graduate students and non-degree students with a baccalaureate degree and at least a 2.5 GPA are eligible to enter the certificate program. Students enrolled in either the Rehabilitation Counseling or Substance Abuse and Clinical Counseling masters program are eligible to earn a certificate in vocational evaluation.

The program requires the completion of 12 semester hours of coursework as follows: REHB 6400, REHB 6401 or equivalent, REHB 7405, and 3 semester hours of electives chosen in consultation with the certificate coordinator. A list of electives is available from the certificate coordinator. Most courses are offered year round however REHB 6400 is not offered during the spring semester and fall courses are online. Students are able to participate in the onsite, 3 week Summer Institute, May 14-18, June 11-15, and July 16-20, 2012.

The certificate in vocational evaluation should not be confused with any state or national Certifications or Licenses. While the certificate courses do not count towards state certification or licensure, they do count toward the National Professional Vocational Evaluator (PVE). Students who want to qualify for the PVE must also complete 300 internship hours in vocational evaluation.

The Coordinator of the CVE is Dr. Steven Sligar. He has over 30 years experience as a vocational evaluator and program administrator, is fluent in American Sign Language, and has conducted over 1000 vocational evaluations of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. He can be reached at [sligars@ecu.edu](mailto:sligars@ecu.edu) or 252-744-6293.

