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Course Title HPRM7004 Introduction to Substance Use and Misuse

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Course Introduction:

Introduction to Substance Use and Misuse is a core course delivered both externally and internally delivered within the Addiction Studies program. This course will provide you with an understanding of the central concepts surrounding alcohol and drugs, drug use and drug related problems. It will present overviews of biological, behavioural and social factors that contribute to our understanding of the development of drug and alcohol problems. Various explanatory models of drug use and problematic use will also be examined. Concepts of addiction will be examined, together with the basic epidemiology of drug use in Australia.

Course Aims:

The aim of this course is to assist you to develop an understanding of the basic principles of drug use and associated problems and to provide an understanding of the strategies traditionally used to address drug and alcohol problems. This course will provide an introduction to the basic purposes, patterns and principles of drug use and associated characteristics and problems. The course also aims to develop an understanding of the basic principles of drug use and associated problems and to examine the impact of drug use upon Australian society

Course Content

Introduction to Substance Use and Misuse is one of the core courses in the Addiction Studies program, and a good starting point in developing your knowledge and skills in the alcohol and drug field. The course is presented in a 13 topic format

- Drugs and Drug Use
- Prejudice, Discrimination & Stigma
- Natural History of Drug Use
- Models/Explanations of Drug Use
- Co-morbidity
- Indigenous Drug Use
- Policy and Legislation

Method of assessment:

Assignments consist of computer based multiple choice quiz, short answer questions and a case study.

Recommended texts:

Hamilton, M., King, T. and Ritter, A. (Eds.) *Drug use in Australia: preventing harm*. 2nd ed. Melbourne: OUP in association with Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre, 2004

Ryder, D., Salmon, A. and Walker, N. *Drug use and drug related harm: a delicate balance*. 2nd ed. East Hawthorn, VIC: IP Communications, 2006.

Resources:

Study Guide: This contains the week-by-week learning materials for each topic. These include clear learning objectives, the required reading, an introduction, a brief synopsis and a series of practical exercises.

Online Blackboard site: This provides an interactive environment for the students and teachers. Reliable and regular access to the internet for use of the UQ Blackboard learning site is required.

Further details are provided in the [Course Profile](#).

http://www.uq.edu.au/study/course.html?course_code=HPRM7004