



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Course title: HPRM7016 Recent Developments in Substance Use Misuse

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Mode: External Flexible Delivery

Course introduction:

Recent Developments in Substance Use and Misuse will cover a range of topics concerned with contemporary issues in the addictions field. Some of these issues are the centre of much controversy in the area. This course will present a discussion of both contemporary and historical theoretical, policy and intervention approaches in the alcohol and drug field.

Course aims:

The principal aims are: to assist you to develop your understanding of the issues that face those involved in the drug and alcohol field; to encourage critical evaluation of various approaches to alcohol and drug problems by identifying important historical and contemporary developments; and to facilitate development of an informed opinion about some of the more controversial issues that are being discussed in the field

Course content:

The course is divided into six topics. Each of the topics is fairly discrete; however, there will be obvious links and overlaps between the topics.

- Responses to Drug Use
- Issues in the Application of Public Health Policy
- Current Controversies in Treatment: Methadone and the New Pharmacotherapies
- Current Issues in Primary Prevention: Drug Education
- Current Issues in Secondary Intervention: Early and Brief Interventions
- Current Issues in Tertiary Intervention: Dual Diagnosis.

Method of assessment:

Two written assignments and a set of tasks from the study guide.

Recommended text:

A Book of Readings is supplied to all students.

Required resources:

Study guide: This contains the week-by-week learning materials for each module. These include clear learning objectives, the required reading, introduction, a brief synopsis and key definitions, case studies, and then a series of practical exercises.

Online Blackboard site: This provides an interactive environment for you and teachers. Reliable and regular access to the Internet is required.

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

http://www.uq.edu.au/study/course.html?course_code=HPRM7016