Syllabus

NARRATIVE THERAPY IN ADDICTIONS - 3562

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Social Work

Academic year: 1

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Katalin Katz

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Teaching Staff:
Dr. Katalin Katz
Course/Module description:
The course will introduce theoretical knowledge on narrative treatment; on the narrative comprehension of the addictions problem and the psychoactive substance abuse; and on the technics of narrative therapy with addicts. During the course, examples from the Israeli practice in different treatment frameworks will be discussed and narrative elements of them will be examined.

Course/Module aims:
To teach the basics of narrative psycho-social treatment in general and with addicts especially. To examine widespread approaches of treatment in Israel by means of narrative conceptualization. To promote pluralistic thinking about possibilities of treating addicts.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
To define narrative treatment and to describe its relevance for addicts.
To examine and identify suitability of different treatment methods to the needs of the addict individual.
To interpret and evaluate the life-situation and needs of an addict according to her story.
To plan narrative treatment for an addict according to his life-story.
To describe treatment with an addict through the narrative concepts.
To evaluate the expected outcomes of the plan.

Attendance requirements(%):
80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures, meeting with addicts in treatment, discussions in class.

Course/Module Content:
1. Introducing the framework of the course. Registration to the visits at NA.
2. Introduction to the characteristics of NA method and preparing the visit.
3. The narrative approach to psycho-social treatment
4. The known treatment places for addicts in Israel and their treatment methods.
5. The narrative approach as related to addictions.
6. Individual, group and community in the narrative therapy with addicts.
7. Life-Story, externalization and "unique outcomes".
8. Creating the therapy-language, the joint story and the alternative story.
8. Trauma in addicts' life-stories.
9. The narrative therapy of trauma as part of treating addicts.

11. Watching the film "Siman-Tov, Siman-Ra" and discussion on its meanings.
12. Narrative research on treatment with addicts.
13. Visit at an open meeting of NA [the meetings take place at night and the students are obliged to attend one of them during the course, instead of one lecture to be cancelled].

Required Reading:
Anonymous (2005) - On the need for creating a community-based resource for deconstructing addiction informed by narrative practice, Dulwich Centre Publications.


Additional Reading Material:


Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 100 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
Students are obliged to attend an open meeting of NA and deliver a written report.
to the teacher. Delivering the report is a precondition to providing the final paper of the course.