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TO: FALL 2020 Curriculum Committee

FROM: Richard Fruscione, Chair, Department of Allied Health, Mental Health & Human

Services

DATE: September 18, 2020

RE: Course Description and Corequisite for SAC 2000 – Introduction to Alcoholism and

Substance Abuse Counseling

The Department of Allied Health, Mental Health and Human Services is proposing a change in Course Description and Corequisite for SAC 2000 – Introduction to Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counseling

Course Description:

FROM:

Overview of core concepts in chemical dependency. Physical, psychological and legal aspects of alcohol and substance abuse. A variety of treatment approaches will be explored with particular attention to the special needs of this population along with counselor qualifications and skills.

TO:

Students are provided with an overview of core concepts in chemical dependency. Students are introduced to the physiological, psychological, social/emotional, cultural, spiritual, political and economic influences on the development of substance use disorders. Basic theories, stages of chemical dependency, stages of recovery, and the continuum of services are discussed. Students also develop basic skills in identifying the signs and symptoms of the common substances of abuse, and their effects on the brain, body and behavior. Students are exposed to concepts related to the recovery oriented systems of care (ROSC), mutual/peer support and non-traditional interventions such as acupuncture.



Course Corequisite:

FROM:

Corequisite: NONE

TO:

Corequisite: SAC 2200

Rationale for Changes:

The NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), formerly the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services "oversees and establishes guidelines for the comprehensive statewide education and training of New York State's credentialed addiction professional workforce and all staff who provide treatment, prevention and recovery services." In Fall 2018, OASAS mandated that all educational institutions who offer the 350-hours of education and training leading to the Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor Certification (CASAC) must offer a standardized curriculum. The changes in course description align with OASAS requirements in order to meet the Certification in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling – Trainee (CASAC-T) credential.

The addition of the corequisite of SAC 2200 – Counseling Techniques in the Substance Abuse Field I, allows for proper course sequencing of the introductory courses in the program and allows for synthesis of materials and information covered in both courses.