



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
HUS 4310 The DSM System and Mental Health
Services
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Examine mental health diagnoses included in the DSM.
 - a. Explore DSM terminology and categories.
 - b. Explain the evolution of the DSM and diagnostic process and criteria.
 - c. Explore assessment of an individual for the diagnostic criteria and specifiers.
 - d. Investigate potential risk for self-harm and suicide.
2. Differentiate potential mental health services and resources for various DSM diagnoses.
 - a. Explore holistic interventions used in treatment planning.
 - b. Explain appropriate use and referral of mental health services for common mental health diagnoses.
 - c. Explore the collaboration of mental health and physical health services.
 - d. Compare historical and current mental health interventions.
 - e. Examine current societal needs and trends in mental health services.
3. Explore the ethical and legal issues related to the DSM and mental health services.
 - a. Discuss the ethical and legal implications of a diagnosis for an individual.
 - b. Discuss the ethical and legal implications as a provider.
4. Examine the sociocultural factors that impact diagnosis and mental health services.
 - a. Explore how sociocultural factors shape experience and expression of symptoms, signs, and behaviors.
 - b. Explore sociocultural factors that impact the provision of mental health services.
 - c. Explore stigma as a barrier in mental health services.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas

- DSM
- Mental Health Services
- Ethics and law

- Sociocultural factors

Essential Questions

1. Why is it important for a human services professional to have an understanding of mental health diagnoses?
2. How has the human services profession been impacted by the evolution of the DSM?
3. How do sociocultural factors impact mental health diagnosis and treatment?
4. Why are mental health services important?
5. How does a human service professional identify appropriate mental health services?
6. What are some important ethical and legal considerations when diagnosis and treating mental health?

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