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A training program for professionals to improve their awareness of Native American culture, resulting in an enhanced treatment experience for the Native American client.
THE CURRICULUM

The primary intent of this substance abuse-related curriculum is to provide an educational experience primarily for non-native staff members of state accredited, non-tribal mental health and substance abuse programs in South Dakota. The curriculum is also relevant for those working in the fields of education, health, mental health, social work and other similar professions.

Although this curriculum focuses primarily on Dakota, Lakota and Nakota groups located in South Dakota, it has the potential to be adapted to reflect the ways of other indigenous groups located in other states.

This curriculum contains 19 modules that require approximately 22 hours of instructional time. Up to 22 hours of Continuing Hours of Education have been awarded by the SD Certification Board for Alcohol and Drug Professionals (CBADP) and the SD Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage & Family Therapists; and up to 2.2 CEU’s or 22 Contact Hours from the South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners.

CURRICULUM GOALS

♦ To improve the substance abuse treatment experiences for Native Americans.

♦ To provide a Native American cultural awareness educational program for non-native staff members of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs.

♦ To explore causal reasons for alcohol and drug abuse among Native American populations.

♦ To identify Native American cultural, spiritual and other ways, that contributes to the prevention, treatment and aftercare of alcohol and drug abuse among individuals and families.

CURRICULUM TOPICS

♦ Cultural / spiritual values before European contact
♦ Government policies, treaties and federal laws
♦ Social and political structures of reservations
♦ Prejudicial and discrimination issues
♦ Cultural orientations
♦ Traditional family relationships
♦ Trauma issues
♦ Grief issues
♦ Poverty issues
♦ Mental Health issues
♦ Introduction to spiritual ceremonies
♦ History of alcohol and drug abuse
♦ Multiple addictions and diseases
♦ Learning styles
♦ Counseling strategies
  o Intake
  o Assessment
  o Treatment
  o Discharge
  o Aftercare

2011 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Sioux Falls: 03.23-25.11, 08.30-09.01.11, 11.16-18.11

Rapid City: 04.26-28, 05.17-19, 10.18-20.11