

Liverpool John Moores University

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Title: Understanding Addictions
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Owning School/Faculty: Public Health Institute
Teaching School/Faculty: Public Health Institute

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Academic Level: FHEQ7 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 40
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 160

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	30
Seminar	10

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay		30	
Report	Case Study		70	

Aims

To enhance knowledge and understanding of addiction as a public health issue

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically examine different forms of addiction as a global and historical phenomena
- 2 Critically analyse the relationship between addiction and its association with deprivation and inequalities
- 3 Critically evaluate different models of addiction and the mediators and moderators of addiction in their ability to explain the life of an addict

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay	1	
Report Case Study	2	3

Outline Syllabus

What is addiction? Historical and cultural perspectives
Models of addiction 1: biological, social, cultural, psychological and economic aspects
Models of addiction 2: biological, social, cultural, psychological and economic aspects
Drug addiction 1: aetiology, characteristics and diagnosis
Drug addiction 2: outcomes and introduction to treatment
Alcohol addiction 1: aetiology, characteristics and diagnosis
Alcohol addiction 2: outcomes and introduction to treatment
Tobacco: aetiology, characteristics, diagnosis, outcomes and introduction to treatment
Gambling and behavioural addictions
Distribution and characteristics of addiction around the world
Addiction intelligence - from epidemiology to clinical assessment
The impact of addiction on children, family and society
Focus on mental health and substance use
Deprivation and generational consideration
Addictions, morality and ethics

Learning Activities

Lectures; seminar workshops; Blackboard activities

Notes

This module identifies the main explanations for addiction and addictive behaviour from a bio-psycho-social perspective. It will assess different models of addiction and its association and the mediators and moderators of addiction. Although there is a focus around drug and alcohol addiction as this constitutes the major public health

risk the module will also consider other addictive behaviours such as gambling. The module will identify key risk factors for addiction and particularly the relationship between addiction and inequalities/deprivation.

Information for Stand Alone/CPD Students

Mode and Duration: This module is delivered through classroom and online methods. There is 30 hours of lectures and 10 hours of seminar activity. The module runs for 15 weeks.

Criteria for Admission: Normally students entering the programme will have completed an Honours degree in a relevant subject. If students have relevant experience in public health but don't have an Honours degree they can be considered for this course. Students with Dip HE in related areas and with relevant experience will also be considered for this course.

Student Support: as a student of Liverpool JMU you will be entitled to the same support as any other student in the university (Please refer to the Student Handbook for further information)

Assessment: the assessment of this module is assessed according to current guidelines within the Academic Framework

Date of programme/module: May 2014

Quality Measures: You will be invited to evaluate the module through an online survey administered by the university

Annual Monitoring: This module/CPD will be considered for quality purposes as part of the MSc Public Health framework Annual Monitoring Report