

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: CHW 155            Title: PEER-PEER MNTL HLTH PROM  
Full Title: Peer To Peer Mental Health Promotion  
Last Reviewed: 2/22/2016

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	2.50	Lecture Scheduled	2.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	43.75
Minimum	2.50	Lab Scheduled	0	8	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	2.50		Contact Total	43.75
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 87.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 131.25

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable  
Grading: Grade or P/NP  
Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP  
Also Listed As:  
Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**  
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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

**Recommended Preparation:**  
Eligibility for ENGL 100 or ESL 100

**Limits on Enrollment:**

**Schedule of Classes Information:**  
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Transfer Credit:

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## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>		<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		<b>Effective:</b>	<b>Inactive:</b>

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the power of peer health promotion.
2. Compare and contrast the role of a peer mental health promoter with that of a licensed professional therapist, including personal and professional boundaries.
3. Identify and explain confidentiality guidelines.
4. Identify strategies for change in high-risk behaviors.
5. Describe the mental health first-aid action plan.
6. Describe a variety of mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis, substance use and eating disorders.
7. Describe the warning signs of a person in distress who may be experiencing a mental health challenge/crisis.
8. Demonstrate bystander intervention skills of empathy, non-judgmental listening, responding, problem solving and referral related to mental health challenges and crises.
9. Demonstrate bystander intervention skills for sexual assault prevention.
10. Demonstrate skills in program planning/implementation, leadership, collaborative teamwork, oral/written communication and public speaking.
11. Educate peers about mental health challenges in a positive, interactive, fun and nonjudgmental manner.
12. Identify 7 habits of effective peer health promotion groups.

### **Topics and Scope:**

- I. Peer Health Promotion:
  - A. The Power of Peer Education:
    1. Five roles of peer promoters to create change.

2. Confidentiality guidelines.
- B. Strategies for Change in High-Risk Behaviors:
  1. Stages of change.
  2. Evidence-based approaches: Social norms approach, motivational interviewing, harm reduction.
- C. Listening Skills:
  1. Non-verbal communication.
  2. Reflection, paraphrasing and summarizing.
- D. Responding and Referral Skills:
  1. The response checklist.
  2. Making a referral.
  3. Campus, community and national mental health resources.
- E. Intervention Skills:
  1. Bystander intervention.
  2. "I" statements.
- F. Developing Inclusive Peer Promotion Efforts:
  1. Cultural sensitivity
  2. Accessibility.
- G. Programming and Presentation Skills:
  1. Goals/objectives, educational value, possible activities.
  2. Event tasks, budget, marketing, evaluation.
  3. Presentation skills.
- H. Taking Care of Yourself:
  1. Stress and time management techniques.
  2. Establishing boundaries.
- I. Group Development and Success:
  1. Cycle of group formation.
  2. Seven habits of highly effective peer education groups:
    - a. Strong diverse membership;
    - b. Well- trained peers
    - c. Promote positive images
    - d. Active advisement
    - e. Branding
    - f. Administrative support
    - g. Student ownership
- II. Mental Health:
  - A. Mental Health and its Impact on Communities:
    1. Definition of mental health.
    2. Statistics.
    3. Impact on communities.
    4. Mental health recovery.
    5. Trauma informed care.
  - B. The Mental Health First Aid Action Plan:
    1. Assess for risk of suicide or harm.
    2. Listen nonjudgmentally.
    3. Give reassurance and information.
    4. Encourage appropriate professional help.
    5. Encourage self-help and other support strategies.
  - C. Depression and Mood disorders:
    1. What is depression and other mood disorders?
    2. Causes, intervention and resources for depression and mood disorders.
  - D. Suicide:

1. Strong predictors; risk factors; myths and facts.
2. Suicide clues and warning Signs: Verbal, behavioral, and situational.
3. How to intervene: Ask the suicide question; persuade the person to get help; refer the person to a professional.
4. Campus, community and national suicide resources.
- E. Anxiety Disorders:
  1. What is an anxiety disorder?
  2. Types, causes, intervention and resources for anxiety disorders.
- F. Psychosis:
  1. What is psychosis?
  2. Types, causes, intervention and resources for psychosis.
- G. Substance Use Disorders:
  1. What is a substance use disorder?
  2. Causes, intervention and resources for substance use disorders.
- H. Sexual Assault
  1. Statistics and impact.
  2. Sexual assault prevention, intervention and resources.
- I. Eating Disorders:
  1. What are eating disorders?
  2. Types, causes, intervention and resources for eating disorders.
- III. Peer to Peer Mental Health Promotion Project:
  - A. Needs assessment
  - B. Development
  - C. Implementation
  - D. Evaluation
  - E. Promotion
  - F. Presentation

### **Assignment:**

1. Read from textbook (5-20 pages per week).
2. Read instructor-selected articles (15-35 pages per week).
3. Complete chapter review questions and reflection activities at the end of each chapter.
4. Practice, via role-play, effective bystander intervention and referral skills.
5. Practice, via role-play, effective communication skills for non-judgmental listening.
6. Demonstrate 5-8 peer health education skills (i.e. leadership, public speaking, listening, responding, referral, intervention, program planning/implementation, evaluation and marketing).
7. Write a 1-2 page paper on prevention/intervention.
8. Design and conduct a needs assessment survey to identify current mental health issues.
9. Working in small groups, select a mental health promotion project to develop and implement (based on outcome from needs assessment).
10. Write a 1-2 page group proposal that outlines the mental health promotion project's statement of need, goal/objectives, budget, marketing plan, and evaluation technique.
11. Implement and evaluate the group mental health promotion projects.
12. Write a 1-2 page paper reflecting on the mental health promotion project experience and outcome.
13. Give a 10-30 minute group presentation on the project goals and outcomes.
14. Complete 2-4 quizzes and final exam.

### **Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Chapter review; prevention/intervention paper; promotion-project proposal; outcomes paper.

Writing  
20 - 30%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving  
0 - 0%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Role-playing, peer health education skills, promotion project, and oral presentations.

Skill Demonstrations  
25 - 40%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes and final exam

Exams  
20 - 35%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Participation and attendance

Other Category  
5 - 10%

### **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Mental Health First Aid USA, First Edition, 2013, Published by the Mental Health Association of Maryland

Friends Helping Friends Student Workbook, 2012, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Published by the BACCHUS Network

BACCHUS Certified Peer Educator Student Workbook, 2012, Published by the BACCHUS Network

Question, Persuade, Refer: Ask a Question, Save a Life Pamphlet, 2013, Paul Quinnett, Ph.D., Published by QPR Institute.

Instructor prepared materials