



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

MEH 135 Mental Health in Criminal Justice

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course imparts the philosophies, practices, policies, and outcomes of the most generally accepted and scientifically supported models of treatment, recovery, relapse prevention, and continuing care for individuals in recovery transitioning from a justice facility.

PREREQUISITE: *MEH 100*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Define mental health and mental illness and the development of related etiological theories.
- Define classifications of criminal activity, in juvenile and adult justice facilities.
- Identify characteristics of intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Identify DSM classifications of mental illness on antisocial and criminal behavior.
- Understand probate courts and criminal court legal interpretations of mental illness and criminal behavior.
- Identify voluntary and involuntary mental health and other human services – inpatient, out-patient.
- Understand prison and correctional programs.
- Understand alternative programs to incarceration.
- Understand societal and individual factors which interferes with the effectiveness of mental health and criminal behavior treatment services.
- Understand the classifications of professional and paraprofessional mental health and corrections workers.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E