

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: OTA 121 Department: Occupational Therapy Ass't
Course Title: Psychosocial Pathology Semester: Fall Year: 2016

Course Objectives and Competencies

By the end of this hybrid course students should be able to:

1. Explain how past and current socio-political factors affect the treatment of mental illness. (ACOTE Standards B.1.5. B.2.1. B.3.4.; OTA Program Goal 1)
2. Connect current international health issues to problems experienced in occupational performance. (ACOTE Standards B.1.6. B.3.4. B.6.2.; OTA Program Goal 1)
3. Describe and discuss how balancing areas of occupation relate to wellness. (ACOTE Standards B.2.4. B.2.5. B.2.9.; OTA Program Goals 1, 3)
4. Discuss the impact of mental health problems on family, work and other relationships and locate resources and supports from reputable sources to support performance. (ACOTE Standards B.2.5. B.2.6. B.5.17.; OTA Program Goals 1, 3)
5. Identify the role of the occupational therapy assistant in emerging areas of practice. (ACOTE Standards B.5.27. B.6.2.; OTA Program Goals 1, 3)
6. Differentiate among biological, psychodynamic and socio-cultural perspectives for treatment of mental illness. (ACOTE Standard B.6.2.; OTA Program Goal 1)
7. Discuss the rationale for assessment & classification of psychiatric diagnoses. (OTA Program Goal1)
8. Explain how common disorders seen in psychiatric practice affect occupational performance. (ACOTE Standard B.2.6.; OTA Program Goal 1)
 - a. feeding and eating disorders
 - b. neurodevelopmental disorders in infancy, childhood and adolescence
 - c. schizophrenia spectrum disorders
 - d. substance related and addictive disorders
 - e. bipolar and other related mood disorders
 - f. anxiety disorders
 - g. trauma and stress related disorders
 - h. personality disorders
 - i. neurocognitive disorder's
 - j. dissociative disorders
 - k. somatic symptom and related disorders
 - l. sexual disorders & gender identity disorders

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9. Locate and utilize reputable health related information to inform practice. (ACOTE Standard B.8.2.; OTA Program Goals 1, 7) 10. Identify and discuss some common psychiatric medications and their side effects. (OTA Program Goal 1)