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Dear Mary C. Cook,

Thanks for your inquiry about our social work degree programs and addiction courses. We have two courses that potentially overlap with yours but at the MSW level, and there is no duplication at the BASW program level.

SCWK 283 - Psychopharmacology for Social Workers

3 unit(s)

Historical trends and specific cultural, ethnic, gender and age-related issues of alcohol and drug use are presented. Psychotherapeutic drugs and the pharmacologic basis of medicines for psychiatric disorders and culturally competent treatment interventions for substance abuse will be discussed. Social Work program elective.

SCWK 287 - Advanced Generalist Practice in Substance Abuse

1-3 unit(s)

An examination of clinical, policy, and practice issues regarding abuse and dependence of alcohol and other drugs. Analysis and utilization of micro, mezzo and macro considerations related to prevention, harm reduction, drug policies, and current intervention models and treatment approaches.

These courses are not the primary emphasis of the BASW or MSW degree in the School of Social Work at SJSU, so we see no problem with SJCC proceeding with a bachelor's degree in Addiction Studies. SJSU School of Social Work is in support of your plan to expand opportunities for our local community college students, their professional growth and leadership development. Wishing you all the best on this journey.

Respectfully,

Signed by:

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Director, Professor, School of Social Work

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Hi Mary.

We have three courses that overlap with three of your courses, but there is not duplication at the program level.

PSYC109 covers addiction dependence and the neurobiology of risky behavior, and it has some overlap with **Introduction to Chemical Dependency and Codependency and Family Dynamic**.

PSYC119V Adolescent Alcohol Use focuses primarily on the social factors related to addiction and covers family dynamics. It has some overlap with **Codependency and Family Dynamic**.

PSYC160 Psychopharmacology has some overlap with **Introduction to Chemical Dependency and Pharmacology and Physiology of Addiction**.

These courses are not the primary emphasis of the Psychology degree at UC Santa Cruz, so we see no problem with SJCC proceeding with a Bachelor's degree in Addiction Studies.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herbert Lee".

Herbert Lee
Division of Social Sciences Interim Dean
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