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## Application to Practice Course Outline

**Course Description:** This course will provide an overview of some of the main functions, guidelines and practices a professional addiction counselor will be expected to know and put into action. Some of the areas in this course have been taught or touched on in other courses. When that is the case it is due to the importance and often, the daily application of these areas in treatment and treatment practice.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. The student will know and be able to apply standards of practice set forth by licensing and governing bodies.
2. The student will know, be able to apply and comply with ethical guidelines, codes as well as, understand the disciplinary measures set forth by professional organizations.
3. The student will know and be expected to apply confidentiality standards and practices set forth by governing bodies for all phases and practices of addiction treatment.
4. The student will know and be able to apply diagnostic criteria set forth by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – currently the DSM 5.
5. The student will know and be able to apply criteria set forth in the ASAM.
6. The student will be able to identify and apply placement and diagnostic criteria throughout treatment continuum of care.
7. The student will be able to identify client's appropriate stage of addiction, stage of recovery and stage of change.
8. The student will be able to identify potential cultural issues and apply culturally competent treatment practices.
9. The student will be able to identify and apply appropriate interventions that match client's placement criteria and/or treatment level.
10. The student will learn the uses of both pharmacological and behavioral interventions in addiction treatment.
11. The student will be familiar with various insurance availabilities, health maintenance options and the functions of utilization review and the criteria of medical necessity.
12. The student will be able to identify client crises at varying levels and be able to apply appropriate crisis intervention techniques.
13. The student will learn the relevance and importance of outcome measures and research in the continuation of providing addiction services to all those in need.