

Edison State Community College
Social Services-214S-001FS
Chemical Dependency I
COURSE SYLLABUS

Location: Room 211
Schedule: Noon – 1:15 PM, Monday & Wednesday
Dates: Fall Semester (August 24 – December 12, 2026)
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9:30 – 11:30 AM, TTh

COURSE DESCRIPTION

SSV 214 is the study of chemical dependency (alcohol/drug abuse). Although the primary focus will be on alcohol abuse and dependence, other substances will be discussed as well. Topics covered are as follows:

Topic #	Topic Name	Chapters
1	Review of Neurology & Overview of Chemical Dependency	PowerPoints only
2	Alcohol: The Basics	Chapters 1 & 2
3	The Physiology of Alcohol	Chapters 3 & 6
4	Alcohol Abuse and Addiction	Chapters 4 & 7
5	Risk Factors and Family Dynamics	Chapters 5 & 8
6	Other Drugs of Abuse	Chapter 13
7	Special Populations	Chapter 11
8	Self-Help Groups and Prevention	Various Chapters
9	Diagnosis and Treatment	Various Chapters

TEXTBOOK AND OTHER COURSE MATERIALS

The following textbook is required:

Jean Kinney (2024) *Loosening the Grip: A Handbook of Alcohol Information*,
13th Edition (McGraw-Hill Publishers)

We will also refer to the book *Drinking: A Love Story* by Caroline Knapp (The Dial Press, 1996) throughout the course, but you do not have to purchase this book.

LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

The PowerPoint lecture presentations for each chapter, and other materials, are available on Blackboard. Click on this class (SSV 214S.001FS), and click on the "Course Content" tab.

It is the student's responsibility to download and print a copy of these presentations before the chapter lecture.

ASSESSMENTS AND GRADING

Required Course Work

SSV 214 Course Quiz	20 pts.
Chemical Dependency Basics Quiz	10 pts.
9 Topic Quizzes @ 25 pts. each	225 pts. total
Group Presentation	50 pts.
2 Topic Assignments @ 30 pts. each	60 pts. total
Case Study Assignment	10 pts.
Total	375 pts. possible

Grading Scale

Points Earned	Grade
338 - 375 pts.	A
300 - 337 pts	B
263 - 299 pts	C
225 - 262 pts.	D
< 225 pts.	F

POLICIES REGARDING ASSESSMENTS

Make-Up Work

Students who do not complete the SSV 214 Course Quiz, a Topic Quiz, or a Topic Assignment by the due date will be able to take it within ONE WEEK of the scheduled due date, with a late deduction, as follows:

SSV Course Quiz-	2 pt. deduction
Topic Quiz-	3 pt. deduction
Topic Assignment-	5 pt. deduction (unless the student's absence is excused)

Students who are *absent* from class the day a Topic Assignment is scheduled must complete it in Edison's Testing Center (located in the Library). The late deduction applies unless the student's absence is **excused**.

Students who are *unprepared* to complete the Topic Assignment on the date scheduled may choose to: 1) complete it that day without the notes and other permitted documents, or 2) complete it in the Testing Center, with the 5-pt. late deduction.

Because it is a group project, except in case of emergency, students *must be present the day of their scheduled Group Presentation to receive credit.*

Technology

Technology can be unreliable! Because of this, you're allowed one (1) late Quiz this semester with no penalty, *provided that the reason for the lateness is a technological issue, and you contact me and explain the situation.* But don't make the mistake of using this one free pass to procrastinate. Use it only for a genuine online emergency.

GENERAL POLICIES

1. Attendance is critical in a traditional course section. Please make any work, childcare, or transportation arrangements needed to attend class regularly.
 - Absences are divided into two types—excused and unexcused. *An excused absence is one that can be verified in writing (doctor's note, employer's note, court summons, etc.)* Only students with excused absences may make up an assessment without a penalty. Please note that vacations are not excused absences.
 - "Ghosting" (disappearing from class without notifying the instructor) is a serious problem! Students who miss class for two (2) or more consecutive sessions *without* notifying the instructor must accept any consequences of not submitting assessments due during his/her absence. No special exceptions will be made regarding late work, and the instructor is not responsible for getting the student "caught up" on material covered in the lectures during his/her absence.
2. Please participate! Chemical dependency is a fascinating topic that generates strong opinions. Class discussion and asking questions are usually the easiest and the most effective ways to enhance learning.
3. Cell phones, tablets, laptops, and any electronic gadgets not yet invented should be **turned off** and **put away** at the beginning of each class. TEXTING IS NOT PERMITTED during class, and any phone that rings while the instructor is lecturing will be thrown out the window. In addition, cell phone use by one student may result in a pop quiz for the entire class.
4. You may eat/drink snack foods during class as long as you clean up afterwards. Snacks containing chocolate should be shared with the instructor.
5. Cheating of any sort is a serious violation of academic honesty. Any student suspected of cheating will have disciplinary action taken against him/her, which may involve the filing of an Academic Dishonesty Report.

COURSE CALENDAR

(This calendar is to be used as a guideline only. Actual class time spent per chapter may vary.)

Week	Date	Topics Covered/Work Due
Week 1	August 24	Course Introduction Review/Overview of Neurology & Chemical Dependency
	August 26	Course Introduction Review/Overview of Neurology & Chemical Dependency Course Introduction Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Week 2	August 31	Chap. 1- Alcohol Topic 1 & CD Basics Quizzes due at 11:59 PM
	September 2	Chap. 2- Alcohol and Its Costs
Week 3	September 7	<i>Labor Day--- NO CLASS!</i>
	September 9	Chap. 3- Alcohol and the Body Topic 2 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
Week 4	September 14	Chap. 6- Medical Complications
	September 16	Chap. 6- Medical Complications
Week 5	September 21	Chap. 4- Alcohol Abuse & Alcohol Dependence Topic 3 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
	September 23	Chap. 4- Alcohol Abuse & Alcohol Dependence
Week 6	September 28	Chap. 7- The Behavior of Dependence
	September 30	Chap. 7- The Behavior of Dependence
Week 7	October 5	Chap. 5- Etiology of Alcohol Abuse & Dependence Topic 4 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
	October 7	Chap. 5- Etiology of Alcohol Abuse & Dependence Chap. 8- Effects of Alcohol Problems on the Family
Week 8 (Midterm)	October 12	Chap. 8- Effects of Alcohol Problems on the Family
	October 14	Midterm Topic Assignment Due in Class Topic 5 Quiz due at 11:59 PM

Week	Date	Topics Covered/Work Due
Week 9	October 19	Work on Group Presentations
	October 21	Chap. 13- Drugs of Abuse Other Than Alcohol
Week 10	October 26	Chap. 13- Drugs of Abuse Other Than Alcohol
	October 28	Chap. 13- Drugs of Abuse Other Than Alcohol Chap. 11- Special Populations
Week 11	November 2	Chap. 11- Special Populations Topic 6 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
	November 4	Chap. 11- Special Populations
Week 12	November 9	Alcoholics Anonymous (Ch. 10, pgs. 317 – 332) Topic 7 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
	November 11	<i>Veteran's Day—NO CLASS!</i>
Week 13	November 16	Prevention (Ch. 14, pgs. 603 – 612)
	November 18	Diagnosis & Treatment of Substance Dependence
Week 14	November 23	Work on Group Presentations Topic 8 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
	November 25	Diagnosis & Treatment of Substance Dependence
Week 15	November 30	Group Presentations Case Study Assignment Topic 9 Quiz due at 11:59 PM
	December 2	Group Presentations
Week 16 (Final)	December 7	Final Topic Assignment due in class
	December 9	Emergency Day

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Withdrawal

If you need to withdraw from this class, you must call 778-7940 or visit Registration in Rm. 160. **Non-attendance is not an official withdrawal and will result in a failing grade for the course.**

The last day to withdraw for Fall with a full refund is Monday, **September 7, 2026**. The final day to withdraw with a grade of "W" is Monday, **November 2, 2026**.

(Students who miss class for three (3) consecutive weeks without contacting the instructor may be subject to a Faculty Initiated Withdrawal. This procedure gives Edison faculty the right to withdraw non-attending students from a course.)

If you are receiving financial aid, consult the Director of Financial Aid (Student Services, Room 160) before withdrawing from any course.

Accommodations/Disability Services

Edison State Community College will make reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. If you believe you may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, contact the instructor privately with your self-identification letter. If you do not have a self-identification letter, contact the Office of Disability services by emailing disabilities@edisonohio.edu or by calling 937-778-8600. Disability Services is located on the Piqua Campus in Room 160.

Advising Services

Edison State's career pathways advisors are your partners in success. A career pathways advisor is the first advisor that you will meet with once you have made the decision to further your education.

Together, you and your career pathways advisor will:

- Identify the right academic major to set you on your desired career path.
- Identify the courses you'll need to accomplish your academic goals.
- Help you develop a student educational plan (SEP) tailored to your lifestyle and work schedule.
- Prepare you to navigate your first semester at Edison State.

If you have questions, contact your career pathways advisor. You can find their email at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/Advising/> or contact your faculty advisor.

Bookstore Services

The Edison State Bookstore is now online! Visit <https://edisonohio.ecampus.com> for all your educational supplies including textbooks, access codes, technology, and more.

Career and Job Services

Our Career and Job Services advisors are dedicated to helping students and alumni advance their professional development as they make career decisions, develop job search strategies, pursue experiential opportunities, and secure employment. Career and Job Services also provides career assessments, career information, resume and cover letter help, job postings and resources, tips for interviewing, and more. Visit <https://www.edisonohio.edu/Career-and-Job-Services/> for more information.

Computers

If you are working on campus, computers with internet access are available in the Internet Café. The Tutoring Center has computers and printers available for your use.

Health and Wellness Services

Health and Wellness Services are available on the Edison State Piqua campus. The program is dedicated to providing resources that promote healthy lifestyle choices for our students, faculty, and staff. Contact Dr. Jeanette Passmore at 937-778-9825 or jpassmore@edisonohio.edu.

Library Services

The Edison State library is not only a comfortable place to study. We also have an expansive collection of online resources available to help you with your research. Check out the library webpage here: <https://www.edisonohio.edu/Library/>. Libguides and short instructional videos available to help you use these resources can be found here: <https://libguides.edisonohio.edu/>. Please contact the library staff with any library questions you may have at library@edisonohio.edu, 937-778-7950, or stop in!

Mental Health Services

College is stressful! Feeling burned out, anxious, frustrated? When challenges arise that you need help to handle, it's helpful to have someone to talk to. We have a website, a chatbox named Tess, and live phone calls to a licensed mental health counselor available.

Student Resource Center and Pantry

Edison State Community College is proud to assist students needing help to obtain basic necessities. The Student Resource Center and Pantry is stocked with all kinds of grab-and-go snacks, meal supplies, toiletries, household needs, and community resources. Stop by and check out our centers in Room 163 at Piqua, in the student lounge at Troy, in the Brooke-Gould Learning Resource Center at Eaton, and in Room 121 at Greenville. If you need additional assistance, please stop by Room 160 in Piqua.

Technical Support Services

For Blackboard assignment issues, the instructor should be the first point of contact.

For log-in issues or other issues:

There are several steps you can take if you can't log in, but all require you to be signed up for the SSRPM, and several require your student ID. During regular business hours (9 – 5 Monday – Thursday, 9 – 4 Friday), email support@edisonohio.edu or call 937-778-8600 and ask for IT.

After hours either:

1. Log onto the SSRPM and go to "forgot password", enter your security answers, and then click to change your password.
2. Go to www.edisonohio.edu, find the Resources tab, click "IT Help Desk", then click "Chat" to get the password changed.
3. Call 937-778-7957 and talk to the off-campus Blackboard company to get help.

Testing Your Faith Act Policy

Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students' beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act Accommodations Form, <https://www.edisonohio.edu/Registration-and-Records/> and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/student-resources>

Title IX Statement – Anti-Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying

It is the policy of the College to maintain a learning environment free from bullying, discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual violence. Title IX federal law protects students, employees, and third parties with a relationship to the college.

All Edison State Community College employees are required to report all knowledge of incidents that violate the Title IX policy to the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator immediately. Student and employee confidential consultation is available through the Coordinator of Health and Wellness Services. Title IX Policy and procedure language, as well as contract information for the Coordinator of Health and Wellness, Title IX Coordinator, and Deputy Title IX Coordinator can be found at www.edisonohio.edu/Title IX/

Tutoring Services

All Edison State students are eligible to receive free tutoring and learning support services through our Tutoring Center. Available services include Edison State tutors, both online and in-person, covering a wide variety of courses including various levels of math and paper reviews, online tutoring through OhioLINK eTutoring, distraction-reduced study rooms, and the use of Tutoring Center resources including subject-specific and general study guides. For more information on tutoring services, visit the Tutoring Center in the Library, email us at tutoringcenter@edisonohio.edu, call 937-778-7959, or visit our webpage at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/tutoring-center/>

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of significant inclement weather, it may be necessary for Edison to operate on a delayed schedule or close. All delay/closure announcements will be posted on Edison's home page (www.edisonohio.edu) under "Edison Alerts!" (bottom right side of the home page). This information will also be posted on the Edison Facebook page.

As an Edison student, you are automatically signed up for mobile alerts through your email, but you may add a phone if you choose. Please contact **Campus Safety & Security** at 937-778-7965 for more information.

While I understand that travel can be difficult during the winter months, students are expected to be in attendance if Edison is open. The only excused absences due to inclement weather are those that occur when the whole college is closed and we are all enjoying a day off!

(Special note to CCP students: Edison is sometimes open even when most high schools are closed! Be sure to check your alerts.)

Statement of Agreement
Course Syllabus, Social Services-214S-001FS, 26/27
Professor Bengough

By signing below, I verify that I have read and understand the above syllabus, and I agree to abide by the classroom policies described in this syllabus.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

The instructor reserves the right to change the schedule and/or procedures listed above.
The instructor will provide notification in writing and with adequate notice.