

# Virginia Western Community College

## PSY 215

### Psychopathology

#### **Prerequisites**

PSY 200 or department approval

#### **Course Description**

Explores historical views and current perspectives of abnormal behavior. Emphasizes major diagnostic categories and criteria, individual and social factors of maladaptive behavior, and types of therapy. Includes methods of clinical assessments and research strategies.

**Semester Credits: 3**

**Lecture Hours: 3**

#### **Required Materials**

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Canvas

#### **Textbook:**

Comer, Ronald. (2014). *Abnormal Behavior*. 8th Edition. Worth. New York, NY. *With: Video Tool Kit for students*. ISBN: 978-1-464-13719-8

#### **Other Required Materials:**

None

## **Course Outcomes**

**At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- explain the history, theoretical perspectives, assessments and diagnosis of abnormal behavior.
- describe the major psychological disorders, causes, and possible treatments.
- critically evaluate issues relating to the classification, etiology and treatment of basic abnormal behavior.
- integrate psychological theory, research and application in the study of abnormal psychology.

## **Topical Description**

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| 1  | Introduction to Abnormal Behavior                    |
| 2  | Models of Abnormal Behavior                          |
| 3  | Assessment and Classification of Abnormal Behavior   |
| 4  | The Scientific Method in Abnormal Psychology         |
| 5  | Anxiety, Obsessive-Compulsive, and Related Disorders |
| 6  | Dissociative Disorders                               |
| 7  | Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders                |
| 8  | Trauma- and Stressor- Related Disorders              |
| 9  | Personality Disorders                                |
| 10 | Substance Related Disorders                          |
| 11 | Disorders of Sex and Gender                          |
| 12 | Mood Disorders                                       |
| 13 | Suicide  |
| 14 | Schizophrenia and other Psychotic Disorders          |
| 15 | Cognitive Disorders                                  |
| 16 | Childhood/Adolescent Disorders                       |
| 17 | Eating Disorders                                     |
| 18 | Legal and Ethical Issues in Abnormal Psychology      |

## **Notes to Instructors**

None