



Course Syllabus

HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND DISORDERS

Code:	49532V	NCAA Approval:	No
Level:	High School	QM Certified:	Yes
Duration/Credit:	0.5 Credit/Year	Textbook:	None
Prerequisites:	None	Materials:	None
Standards:	Human Behaviors and Disorders Standards	Technology:	VA Technology Requirements
Pacing Guide	 49532V Human Behavior and ...	Alignment Matrix:	Alignment Matrix

Course Introduction

Watch the [course introduction video](#) or read the [video transcript](#) for a brief introduction to the course.

Course Description

This course provides a basic survey of maladaptive human behavior. Major psychological disorders, their causes, symptom behaviors, cultural influences, and relevant treatment approaches are discussed. Included topics are historical medical background, perspectives of treatment of the mentally ill, fundamental definitions, causes of anxiety disorders, disorders of mood, personality disorders, disorders of thought, including schizophrenia, substance-related disorders, and domestic violence. Legal, ethical, and social issues relating to the medical professional's role in treating psychological disorders are explored.

Course Level Objectives

The objectives for this course include the following:

- Exploring the criteria for abnormal behavior and contemporary research methods
- Investigating contemporary perspectives of abnormal behavior
- Analyzing classifications and assessments of abnormal behavior
- Identifying methods of therapy and treatment
- Examining and explaining stress, psychological factors, and health
- Identifying different types of anxiety disorders
- Identifying dissociative and somatoform disorders and their respective treatments
- Identifying mood disorders and their respective treatment, and suicide perspectives
- Discussing different types of personality disorders and approaches to treatment
- Classifying substance abuse and dependence disorders
- Discussing the major features of schizophrenia and its treatment approaches
- Discussing the major features of cognitive disorders and how they relate to aging
- Exploring human aggression and domestic abuse
- Exploring abnormal psychology and societal implications



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Course Participation Information

There are other pieces of important information about your participation in a Virtual Arkansas course. This information can be found in your course in the Virtual Arkansas Program Syllabus.