

## **ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE STUDIES (AS) PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Apply critical thinking skills to issues, situations, or problems associated with alcohol and substance abuse
2. Explain the basic theories associated with the study of alcohol and substance abuse.
3. Utilize specific interpersonal competencies necessary for effective helping.
4. Apply discipline specific communication skills in various forms as required.
5. Describe principles of diversity and inclusion and discuss appropriate techniques for working with diverse populations.
6. Apply ethical standards associated with alcohol and substance abuse as determined by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS).
7. Identify and describe the basic techniques for assisting individuals affected by alcohol or substance abuse.
8. Discuss the various effects (physical, psychological, emotional, etc.) that addictive substances have on users of those substances.
9. Explain how dependence on addictive substances develops.
10. Apply the diagnostic criteria set out in the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM).