

CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY AND BEHAVIOUR

Program Outline

Major: CPSY

Length: 252 Hours

Delivery: 1 Semester

Credential: Certificate

Effective: 2019-2020

Location: Orillia

Start: Varies (Orillia)

Description

This program will enhance the knowledge and skill set of individuals who work or volunteer in corrections, law enforcement, security, women's shelters, human services, youth at risk, or individuals who have a special interest in criminal psychology and behaviour. The program explores why individuals become criminals as well as why individuals are attracted to those with deviant behaviours. The program also explores factors that research suggests underlie criminal behaviours.

Career Opportunities

Graduate will gain an understanding of the concepts and issues regarding criminal behaviour which could provide opportunities the workplace. This program could lead to working or volunteering in a corrections program, working or volunteering at a women's shelter or working with youth at risk or individuals.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- explain and discuss various theories and predictions about psychopaths;
- illustrate a working knowledge and understanding of criminal psychology and the criminal mind;
- outline issues in criminal psychology psychopathic minds;
- examine psychological models related to criminology;
- discuss forms of sexual violence perpetrated by individuals;
- examine the reasons for sexually deviant behaviours and review relevant approaches and strategies for treatment;
- define co-dependency and explain the types of relationships;
- examine conflict resolution strategies and whether they work to reduce incidents of violent behaviour.

The Program Progression:

Varies Intake - Orillia

Admission Requirements:

Applicants must meet ONE of the following requirements to be eligible for admission to this program: - OSS Curriculum: OSSD or equivalent with Grade 12 English (C) or (U) (ENG4C, ENG4U) - Academic and Career Entrance Certificate (ACE) program with: Communications - Ontario High School Equivalency Certificate (GED) - Mature applicant with standing in the required courses and/or mature student testing that meets the minimum standards for admission

Applicants who are 19 years of age or over by the first day of classes, and who lack the academic entrance qualifications, may be considered for entrance to an appropriate post-secondary diploma or certificate program as mature applicants. Each applicant will be considered on an individual basis and acceptance will be determined by counseling, Communication Placement Assessment (CPA), previous post-secondary education and evaluation of experience. Some programs also have specific prerequisite requirements that must be met prior to admission. Mature applicants must meet all program specific prerequisites. Those applying as mature students and having no documentation of Grade 12 education must supply, if required, proof of age, such as a copy of an official birth certificate or driver's licence. Refer to Section 2.5 and 2.6 of the Academic Calendar for further details.

Graduation Requirements:

6 Mandatory Courses

Graduation Eligibility:

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, from year to year and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester.

Mandatory Courses

GNED1046 Cults and Terrorism (ODE)
PSYL1005 Criminal Psychology - Antisocial/Psychopathic Minds (ODE)
PSYL1006 Criminal Psychology - Criminal Minds (ODE)
PSYL1007 Sexual Violence (ODE)
PSYL1008 Co-Dependency as an Addiction (ODE)
PSYL1009 Domestic and Workplace Violence (ODE)

Course Descriptions:

GNED1046 Cults and Terrorism (ODE) 45.0 Hours

This course will focus on conformity issues surrounding religious fundamentalism, sects, cults, and terrorist groups. The reasons why people join and why they may have a difficult time leaving will be examined. Society's contributions to supporting cultic groups will be explored. Strategies for protecting individuals and vulnerable populations from cultic and terrorist activity will be developed.

PSYL1005 Criminal Psychology - Antisocial/Psychopathic Minds (ODE) 42.0 Hours

Explore the factors that contribute to some criminals being diagnosed with an antisocial/psychopathic personality disorder. Students will study how and why some individuals

become criminals and why some actually become killers. Students will learn what is known about serial killers, stalkers, rapists and criminals. The latest techniques used in criminal profiling and questioning will be examined.

PSYL1006 Criminal Psychology - Criminal Minds (ODE) 42.0 Hours

Enhance your understanding of the criminal mind. Further explore issues discussed in Criminal Psychology Psychopathic Minds and examine psychological models related to criminology. Student will examine and discuss criminal laws and the former Young Offenders Act and its historical significance. Students will identify some of the most common mental disorders which coincide with criminology.

PSYL1007 Sexual Violence (ODE) 42.0 Hours

Sexual violence is an ugly reality and a societal concern. This course will examine the many forms of sexual violence perpetrated by individuals. Students will study sexual violence in the context of male toward female, female toward male, as well as incest and child abuse in families. Students will examine the reasons for sexually deviant behaviours (why individuals do what they do), and review relevant approaches and strategies for treating both victims and perpetrators.

PSYL1008 Co-Dependency as an Addiction (ODE) 42.0 Hours

This course provides an overview of how individuals can become addicted to others and relationships. This course examines the personalities of abusers and those who are abused. Student will examine how individuals with complimentary personality disorders unite and form bonds. A focal point of the course will be Object Relations Theory and how women and men with personality disorders are unconsciously drawn to abusive partners.

PSYL1009 Domestic and Workplace Violence (ODE) 42.0 Hours

Students will discuss the causes and implications of domestic and workplace violence. This course will examine conflict resolution strategies and their effectiveness in reducing incidents of violent behaviour such as abuse relationships, confrontation in the workplace and violence in schools.

Course Description Legend

P = Prerequisite; C = Concurrent prerequisite; CO= Corequisite

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