Program for Continuing Education in Social Work

Workshop Objective
Brandt Wiskur, Ph.D.

Neuroscience and Clinical Social Work

9:00 a.m. – Noon
Friday, November 6, 2015

Neuroscience and Clinical Social Work,” will discuss consist of three presentations that highlight the important role of the clinical social worker. Specific focus will be placed on how a strong comprehension of neuroscience is beneficial to their practice and the potential contributions that social workers can make to research science.

1. Addiction Treatment
2. Trauma Recovery
3. Research Strategies in Social Work

Course Objective:

1) Students will be able to discuss the neurological alterations that occur during addictive disorders and current treatment strategies. The student will be able to specifically describe reward pathways in the brain and how addictions (specifically cocaine and morphine) can alter healthy brain physiology and negatively affect human behavior. Students will be able to discuss current treatment strategies of addiction to include pharmacological and clinical therapy interventions with focus on the reported success/failure rate of the treatments.

2) Students will be able to discuss the longitudinal effects of trauma across the lifespan. Students will be able to specifically discuss the relationship between early childhood trauma and poverty and other long-term mental health challenges to include PTSD and depression.

3) Students will be able to list and describe need for the basic components of research study design and commonly used methods to analyze study results. Students will be able to discuss current areas of need in identifying optimal treatment therapies for clinical social workers. As a class, students will use database engine searches through the University library to identify peer reviewed research for social work research studies.

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Location: The University of Oklahoma, Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work in the J.J. Rhyne Community Room.

Cost: Professionals $30.00 and a special rate of $10.00 for Students

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Dr. Brandt Wiskur served in the U.S. Army from 1994-2003 and was deployed multiple times to Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as recalled for military service after 911. He completed a B.S. Degree in Chemistry (cum laude) at the College of the Ozarks in 2003. He graduated with a degree in neuroscience from the OU Health Sciences Center in 2008. He concurrently served as a programs coordinator and post-doctoral fellow at the Oklahoma Center for Neuroscience (OCNS) from 2009-2011. He served as the program manager at the OCNS and later assisted the Graduate College (OUHSC) as a program analyst in 2012. During his time as a post-doctoral fellow until today he has periodically lectured at OUHSC and has thirteen peer-reviewed publications. He is the current Director of Institutional Research at the OUHSC. He is currently enrolled as a part-time Social Work student at OU Norman and is actively utilizing his neuroscience, research, and social service skills to develop programs for and work with community families that have members live with developmental delays and/or learning disorders.

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