Alvin Community College Mental Health Program
Student Information Plan
DAAC 1343 CURRENT ISSUES
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ADA
This college will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines
with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is
the policy of ACC to provided reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are
students with disabilities. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the Counseling Center in a
timely manner to arrange appropriate accommodations.

Catalogue Description:
This course focuses on current issues impacting addiction, aging, child development, and
psychology. The student has the opportunity to select an area of interest in the area of mental health
based on one of the four textbooks used for this course. Each text focuses on selected current topics,
for example Drugs, Society and Behavior contains topics such as living with drugs, how drugs work-
their use, dependency and addiction; major drugs of use and abuse; drugs and crime; the social
impact of drugs; prevention, treatment and education are addressed. The other two textbooks have
topics unique to their area in mental health. (See Textbook section of this SIP)

Course Description:
This course is a WebCT course consisting of selected readings on current issues in the area of
alcohol and chemical dependency issues. There is no scheduled class meeting. You complete the
reading assignments and submit your reaction papers, one paper for each of the eight topics (see
reaction papers).

All students will be able to access their WebCT account at noon on the second day of classes.
Every student who enrolls after this day will be added in by the next day by noon. If a student
encounters problems, please contact Distance Education Department (281) 756-3728..

The student username and password will be the following:
USERNAME:  firstname.lastname
PASSWORD:  Alvin

NOTE: Please do not forget the period in-between the two words. If you have multiple last
names (example:DeLosSantos) these names will be combined into one word. Hyphens will be
left in as they are. Please check your fee statement to see how our system spells your name, as
this is what we will use for your account.

Textbooks
Reaction Papers

You are to select one textbook from the four text options offered for this course. Once you have selected your one text (i.e. Drugs, Psychology, Child Development, or Aging) you are expected to cover eight topical units from your selected text. Units contain articles related to a general theme such as psychological treatments (Psychology text), phenomenon of aging (Aging text), child care issues (Child Growth text) or the major drugs of use and abuse (Drugs, Society and Behavior text). After reading the articles, you are to write one reaction paper for eight of the units. This means you will write eight reaction papers from one textbook to meet the course objectives. Your reaction papers must be at least 2-1/2 pages in length.

**PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER: April 27, 2007

Withdrawal deadline: April 10, 2007 @ 5:00pm.

Grading

Each reaction paper has a maximum value of 12.5 points with a total point value of 100 for all eight topical reaction papers.