1. **Course Title and Number of Credits:**
   CSP 692  Psychopharmacology  1 Credit Hours

2. **Course Description:**
   This online course examines psychotropic medications. Principles of drug actions, drug absorption, and drug administration will be presented. Counselors will learn how drugs related to different diagnostic categories from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV (DSM IV).

3. **Prerequisites and Restrictions:** CSP 601, CSP 602, CSP 603, CSP 606, and CSP 621 or permission of instructor

4. **Course Objectives:**
   1. To provide an introduction to psychotropic drug actions
   2. To provide an to methods of drug administration and drug absorption
   3. To provide an overview of the use of psychopharmacology with emotional and mental disorders
   4. To provide insight into the use of psychotropic medications with children and minority populations
   5. To provide insight into the ethical issues relating to use of psychotropic drugs

5. **Student Learning Outcomes:** The student will be able to:
   1. Demonstrate an understanding of how basic psychotropic drugs work in the body
   2. Demonstrate an understanding of the use of psychotropic drugs with children
   3. Demonstrate an ability to match psychotropic drugs to DSM IV diagnostic categories
   4. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical issues involved in the use of psychotropic drugs and an understanding of the impact of these on diverse populations
   5. Demonstrate how counselors help their clients deal with the impact of psychotropic drugs

6. **Course Content:**
   1. Use of psychotropic drugs
a. Antidepressants  
b. Anxiolytics  
c. Anti-Psychotic Drugs  
2. Drug actions and interactions  
3. Issues of medication compliance and its impact on the counseling relationship  
4. Ethical considerations of the use of psychotropic drugs  
5. Ethical considerations of the use of diagnostic criteria  

7. Teaching/Learning Methods:  
   1. Case Study  
   2. Lecture  
   3. BlackBoard presentations  
   4. Multimedia presentations  

8. Evaluation Methods:  
   1. Case study write up  
   2. BlackBoard discussion  

9. Required Texts/Readings:  


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11. Department Approval Date:  

12. Reviser(s) Name(s) and Date(s):  

13. Revision Approval Date:  

14. Bibliography:  


