

FMH/PSY 515 : Evaluation & Treatment of Adult Offenders

This course has two emphases: evaluation and treatment. The student will be introduced to the assumptions, theories, methods and instrumentation used in the psychosocial and psycholegal evaluation of adults involved in the judicial and correctional systems. The special ethical issues presented by practice in forensic settings are emphasized. Students will learn how to appreciate relevant clinical and legal issues, and how to communicate findings to courts and social policymakers. Additionally, systems and clinical approaches to treating mentally disordered offenders will be addressed, with particular attention to the dual role of the forensic mental health professional in providing treatment and assuring public safety. Treatment and intervention methods will be examined from both individual and societal perspectives.

Prerequisites

PSY 575, PSY/FMH 505