

Adolescence and Addictions PLA

Advanced, Liberal, 4 credits

Adolescence and Addictions is considered to be an advanced level knowledge that is liberal. It represents higher level theory and concepts that human service workers have acquired through applied practice. Advanced level knowledge indicates that you are able to use terminology, concepts, and theory in an applied way. Adolescence and Addictions is more often about why we do things (i.e., liberal) and not necessarily how we do things (i.e., non-liberal). At Empire State College, Adolescence and Addictions is considered to be an advanced and liberal course.

Please use the questions below to structure your PLA submission on the topic of Adolescence and Addictions. Copy each question and respond directly below it. If you utilize an outside source, such as a website or a book, make sure to reference this in your response. The responses to the questions should be submitted in a Word document and uploaded in PLA Planner. In PLA Planner, you would list the topic as Motivational Interviewing, asking for 4 credits, and designate this as Advanced and Liberal.

Please note – responding to these questions is not a guarantee of credit. You will still be expected to speak with an evaluator and answer any supplemental questions that they may have. The evaluator would then make a credit determination.

Questions for Students to respond to

We suggest you save this document with your name and the title of the PLA (e.g., Smith Adolescence and Addictions PLA) and answer beneath each question below.

Name:

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PLA Title: Adolescence and Addictions

Number of Credits Requested: 4

Type: Advanced, Liberal

1. Please describe your experiences with adolescence and addictions.

2. Please list any workshops or trainings that you have taken in order to work in the field of adolescence and addictions.

3. What are the developmental tasks of adolescence?

4. Discuss how the abuse of substances interfere with an adolescent achieving these tasks.

5. What theories posed for the etiology of addiction in adolescents?

6. Describe engagement strategies that are utilized with adolescents.

7. What other difficulties associated with treating co-occurring disorders?

8. Discuss the critical nature of family treatment when treating adolescents with substance abuse disorders.

9. What are best practices for treating adolescents with addiction disorders?

10. Describe a case from start to finish where an adolescent is treated with an addiction disorder with a good outcome.

11. Describe a case from start to finish where an adolescent is treated for an addiction disorder that is not effective.