COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090 or DRE 098; or satisfactory score on placement test
Corequisites: None

This course is a study of substance abuse in our society. Topics include the history and classifications of drug abuse and the social, physical, and psychological impact of drug abuse. Upon completion, students should be able to identify various types of drugs, their effects on human behavior and society, and treatment modalities. Current area drug trends and North Carolina statutes regarding controlled substances are reviewed. Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

a. Define the nature of drug abuse.
b. Estimate the social cost of drug abuse.
c. Review the reaction of the criminal justice system to this problem.
d. Identify categories of stimulant drugs.
e. Identify categories of depressant drugs.
f. Identify categories of hallucinogens.
g. Recognize the physical and psychological effects of drugs and/or categories.
h. Apply North Carolina controlled substances statutes.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

I. Drug use: an overview
   A. The drug problem
   B. Drug use as a social problem
   C. Drug regulations

II. How drugs work
   A. The nervous system
   B. The actions of drugs

III. Uppers and downers
   A. Stimulants
   B. Depressants
   C. Drugs for mental illness
IV. Alcohol
   A. Alcohol in the body
   B. Alcohol and society

V. Familiar drugs
   A. Nicotine
   B. Caffeine
   C. Over-the-counter drugs

VI. Restricted drugs
   A. Narcotics
   B. Hallucinogens
   C. Marijuana and hashish
   D. Steroids

VII. Reducing the demand
   A. Drug education and prevention
   B. Substance abuse treatment

VIII. Review of North Carolina statute.
      A. Scheduling of controlled substances.
      B. Statutes regarding the sale, manufacture, possession, and trafficking of controlled substances.
      C. The toxic vapors act.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS:**

To be announced by instructor.