Study program: Integrated academic studies of Pharmacy

Type and level of the study program: integrated academic studies

Course title: CHEMISTRY OF PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (PhIV-PSYCHS)

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Course status: elective ECTS Credits: 3

Condition: / Course aim

Training and learning for future pharmacists: to be part of the team (social and health segment), which deals with the treatment of persons under the influence of psychoactive substances, to propose antidote therapy or other therapy, to understand ethical and professional guidelines about the contact with those patients, to become familiar with good laboratory practice

Expected outcome of the course:

Theoretical - the link between biological activity and chemical structure, chemical synthesis, pharmacological properties, mechanisms of action, pharmacodynamic properties, tolerance, addiction, abuse, toxicity, interactions of psychoactive substances.

To select the proper sample for toxicological analysis, to receive, prepare, analyze the sample, correctly interprets the results and issue reports.

Course description

Theoretical education

- 1. Historical review
- 2. Drugs and Society (types of addition, epidemiological data, prevention and regulation)
- 3. Classification of psychoactive substances
- 4. Serotonin receptors, opioid receptors, nicotinic receptors, GABA receptors, cannabinoid receptors
- 5. Chemical structure of the compounds, methods of ingestion, distribution in the body, metabolism and elimination, mechanism of toxicity, case studies, the dependence on chemical structure pharmacological
- 6. CNS depressants: alcohol, barbiturates, opiates morphine, heroin, codeine
- 7. CNS stimulants : caffeine, cocaine group (cocaine, crack), amphetamine group (amphetamine, methamphetamine, ecstasy), smart drugs
- 8. Hallucinogens: LSD, psilocybin, phencyclidine (PSP), mescaline
- 9. CNS depressants -hallucinogens: marijuana, hashish, organic solvents
- 10. Nicotine
- 11. Drugs of abuse: anabolics, analgesics, anxiolytics (e.g., clonazepam), antidepressants (e.g., fluoxetine Prozac, maprotiline, sedatives (e.g., Gamma hydroxy butyrate GBH, hypnotics, antihypnotics, anesthetics (e.g., ketamine), anticonvulsants, antiepileptics (e.g., carbamazepine), antiparkinsonian (eg. artan (trihexyphenidyl), methadone, tramadol (opioid replacement therapy), methyl phenylate-ritalin, clozapine (psychostimulants), benzodiazepines (diazepam, midazolam, clonazepam, etc.)

Practical education: exercises, other forms of education, research related activities

- 1. Visits to institutions that deal with this issue from different angles or visit of colleagues from professional institutions
- 2. Labs Analytics (selecting the right sample, the detection and measurement of toxins / metabolites in biological samples)

Literature

Compulsory

- 1. Cole MD. The Analysis of Controlled Substances. John Wiley & Sons Ltd, 2003.
- 2. Rapaka RS, Sadée W, editors. Drug Addiction From Basic Research to Therapy. Springer, 2003.

Additional

Number of active of	Other:			
Lectures:	Practice:	Other types of teaching:	Research related activities:	
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Teaching methods

Lectures, Power point presentations, seminars, experiments, visits to institutions

Pre-exam activities	points	Final exam	points
Lectures	•	Written	45
Practices	15	Oral	
Colloquium	25		
Essay	15		