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SYLLABUS FOR HUMAN SEXUALITY AND RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT Module Description

This module is designed to help the students explore attitudes and values regarding healthy relationship development with consideration of specific issues related to Asperger Syndrome and the Autism Spectrum. Topics presented include sexuality education, establishing friendships, communication skills, dynamics of relationships and more. Information will be shared from many viewpoints of sexuality and relationships with the hope the information will be applicable in one's own life.

The module materials are presented in a multi-sensory fashion. The format of the class will include lecture, discussion, review of assigned readings and interactive exercises. Course objectives are based on the Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education (by National Guidelines Task Force), RDI-Relationship Development Intervention, and many other materials.

Module Structure

This module utilizes lecture, small group discussion, and community activities. Lectures will emphasize the factual information on each of the subjects; the discussion session will provide an opportunity to explore attitudes, feelings, and communication. Sexually explicit media will be shown during the lecture session. Students can choose not to view the media without a penalty. Personal information shared in class will be kept confidential however; public social information may be shared with other staff members.

Module Objectives

This module will attempt to assist students to reflect on their own personal sexual and relationship experiences, development, background, and value stance while becoming acquainted with research findings, current concepts, and diverse viewpoints about human sexuality. It is hoped that as a result of their experiences in this module, students will be more aware and accepting of their own individual sexuality; and value system and develop an intelligent and responsible sexual lifestyle; and be more aware and accepting of the lifestyle and sexual value system of others, especially those which are divergent (Sherwood-Puzzello, 2005). Each lesson will include specific learning objectives linked to the topic

Module Requirements/ Evaluation

Attendance - students will be expected to attend all sessions unless sick or otherwise excused by Program Director.

You will be required to compile and keep organized an individual class portfolio using information handed out each week and your assignments. This will include:

 Homework assignments, reading lists, resources linked to the topic, personal strategies, class notes, handouts, miscellaneous information linked to the course.

You will be evaluated according to the learning rubric.

Rubrics - Class Expectations

	Skilled Learner	Intermediate Learner	Initial Learner
Attendance	Attended 15 out of 15 classes	Attended 14/15 classes unless	Attended 13/15 classes unless
	unless medical or approved	medical or approved absence	medical or approved absence
	absence		
On time to class	On time 15 out of 15 classes	On time 14/15 classes	On time 13/15 classes
Involvement in discussion	Weekly shared in discussions,	Gave only one comment during	Sat through class and didn't say a
	stayed on topic, and listened to	class	word or dominate the discussions
	others responses.		by talking too much.
Homework Completion	Accurately completed all	Accurately completed 10 to 13 of	Accurately completed 7 to 9 of the
	assignments.	the 14 assignments.	14 assignments.
Post Test	Improve score from pre test to post	Improve score from pre test to post	No to little improvement between
	test to equal 90% or better.	test to equal 80-89% or higher.	pre to post test scores (79% score
			or lower)
Keep binder organized	Have a tab for each week with the	Have a tab for each week with the	Have a tab for each week with the
	work, resources, and handouts in	work, resources, and handouts in	work, resources, and handouts in
	order as related to the syllabus	order as related to the syllabus	order as related to the syllabus
	calendar 15 out of 15 weeks.	calendar 14/15 weeks.	calendar 13/15 weeks.
Collection of Resources	Can share (discuss and share	Can share (discuss and share	Can share (discuss and share
(websites, books, professional	exact resource) a minimum of 1	exact resource) a minimum of 1	exact resource) a minimum of 1
resources).	resource each week found useful	resource 14 out of 15 weeks found	resource 13/15 weeks found useful
	related to the topic.	useful related to the topic.	related to the topic.
Collection of personal strategies	Can utilize individual class portfolio	Can utilize individual class portfolio	Can utilize individual class portfolio
to use in social situations.	to provide at least one personal	to provide at least one personal	to provide at least one personal
	strategy for each lesson topic.	strategy for 14 of the 15 lesson	strategy for 13/15 lesson topics.
		topics.	

Skilled Learner: Can complete class expectations without teacher intervention. Individual should decide on their own when and where to make adaptations. Student's end-products should meet all criteria for each week's lessons.

Intermediate Learner: Students are able to develop quality products within the deadline, but need considerable assistance from the teacher(s). Students should demonstrate expertise in some areas, yet lack skills in other. Some freedom will be given to each person's strengths, but will be held accountable throughout the process in area of weaknesses.

Initial Learner: At this level, individuals need to have everything explained, shown what to do to complete the project, and be given a model of the end product.

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Student Objectives

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Session 1 - Introduction and Assessment 1. Understand the syllabus outline and have a concept of what the module will include. 2. Understand the issues around confidentiality and sensitivity of the	Session 2 & 3 Sexual Anatomy 1. Distinguish between the slang name and the factual term for each male and female part of the both genders genitalia. 2. Understand the function of each of the male and female organs.
material to be discussed. 3. Begin to assess their own knowledge attitudes, beliefs and learning needs regarding sexuality and relationships.	 Discuss the fears and joys associated with the physical changes that took place during puberty. Generate relevant questions and communicate these in an
Evaluate depictions of sexuality in 2 different TV genres and magazines.	appropriate way to the visiting expert. 5. Demonstrate their knowledge of sexual anatomy and function by
 Reflect on the creation of social and sexual relationships and how this applies to their own lives. 	completing the quiz. 6. Discuss the fears and joys associated with the physical and emotional changes that took place during puberty.
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Session 4 &5 - Communication 101	Session 6: Sexual Orientation/ Attitudes, Values and Insights
Organize the information (handouts, class notes etc.) into their binder to develop a resource for communication information. Session 7 – Sensory Sensitivities	Session 8 -Friendships
Be able to list own sensitivities as related to their five senses including proprioceptive and vestibular. Share how having hyper or hypo-sensitivities has been helpful or hard to deal with in a relationship (friendships or partners).	1. Begin to acquire knowledge of communication strategies (e.g., small talk, joining a conversation, sensitive to listeners interests) 2. Learn what the bases for friendship skills are (where do I meet friends? What could I do with a new person? What do I do on the first meeting, second meeting, or third meeting? How will I know if I should pursue the relationship)? 3. By role playing and videoing ourselves, will practice skills in order to try them in our community for homework. 4. Organize the information (handouts, class notes, etc) into binder.
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Session 9 - Relationships	Session 10-Dating Relationships
Learn how to have conversations with reciprocity Understand others emotions to facilitate social-emotional problem solving Go into the community and practice starting a conversation using a script or verbal prompt.	 Identify the purpose of dating and identify if they are ready to date. Understand the steps in appearing confident and building confidence on the inside. Develop awareness of the concept of getting 'in shape' for dating. Understand the link between dating and friendship. Gain awareness of the things to consider in order to find a date and in asking someone on a date. Have an understanding of things that need to be considered before and during a first date. Gain knowledge of the social communication skills involved in dating (flirting, complimenting, signaling interest, what to tell, ending the date etc.) Gain awareness of how to evaluate if a date was successful.
Session 11- Stages of Relationships, Confidence and Building One's Own	Session 12- Sexual Expression
Self Esteem: 1. Understand the stages of both friendships and romantic relationships 2. Assess their personal relationships in terms of these stages 3. Identify the next step for moving their relationships to the next stage 4. Carry out the first step they have identified in the stages 5. Identify positive character traits about oneself 6. Identify positive character traits in others within class to help them identify their own traits 7. Start to improve confidence so one will be willing to take risks in new situations this coming week.	Develop an awareness of the variety of definitions of "abstinence" and "sex" Begin to develop ideas regarding personal definitions of sex Develop an awareness of activities that make up a healthy sex life in order to make a positive decision. Acquire a list of resources where they can find further information regarding sexual expression and sexual techniques. Sexual Coercion: Harassment, Aggression and Abuse 5. Gain an awareness of the signs of abuse within a relationship 6. Be informed of the gray areas of social blunders and factors to consider in this regard. 7. Be informed of abusive and illegal behaviors in order to protect themselves and others. Discuss the impact of rape and gain awareness of preventing sexual
Session 13-Contraceptives and Sexually Transmitted Infections	assault. Session 14: Meeting New People Socially 1. Using the handouts that have been provided all semester for this module; the students will implement skills have learned in class for the semester (e.g., using non-verbal communication, starting a
Become aware of the preventions of sexually transmitted infections	conversation, maintaining a conversation, interacting during activity, showing confidence, and ending the activity) by playing games of their choices with "neuro-typical" peers. > This social event will be considered a part of the students' final in response to grading rubrics on "collection of personal strategies to use in social situations."

(Circle below the things that you think it would be most helpful for you to learn about during our module this semester.
How to interpret non-verbal behavior
A guide to flirting
Dating issues
How to use non-verbal behavior
• How to interpret overt (like pornography) and covert (like a commercial) information about sexuality on TV, magazines etc.
 Understanding religious and cultural beliefs and values and how these relate to sexuality.
Legal issues and abuse within a relationship.
Communication differences between men and women.
 Making and keeping friendships
How to develop a long-term relationship
Assertiveness
Decision making
Masturbation
 Sexual behavior involving another person e.g. kissing, sexual intercourse.
Sexual anatomy
Sexual fantasy
Sexual dysfunction
Sexual abstinence
Safe sex and sexually transmitted diseases.
Contraception
Sexual Orientation (heterosexuality and homosexuality)
Other things I would like to learn about are
Human Sexuality Module: Exercise: Am I Ready For Friendship?
Check which things apply to you (be honest this is just for your own assessment of where you are in your life). Expectations
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If you checked most or all of the items you are great friendship material. If not you probably need to work on some of these things before you think about dating. (Wachs, 2002).

Lesson Plans

Session 2 & 3 Sexual Anatomy Session 1 – Introduction and Assessment Discussion: Did your parents give the "sex talk"? Review syllabus, rubric, binder system Activity: Generate a list of slang words for men and women genitalia Students complete Pre-test and My Learning Needs Power point presentation: Discussion of confidentiality and respect issues Using detailed photos label and understand function of female genitalia, organs. Discussion of attitudes, beliefs and social norms regarding sexuality. reproduction, menstruation, breast exam, gynecological exam, and sexual o Split into 2 groups to view 2 different groups of music videos, commercials, nonpornographic magazines. arousal. Each group given written questions to discuss example: "What were the sexuality-related values that were reflected on the covers? Were you comfortable with this?" Using detailed photos label and understand function of male genitalia, organs reproduction, testicular and prostate exams, and sexual arousal. View video clip from NBC Today Show on why college students are taking course on human sexuality and relationships: http://video.msn.com/v/us/msnbc.htm?g=669399a8-4506-b878o Instructors used flip charts to record ideas visually. Whole class then met to report to each other and summarize their discussions 7b0d0460fd1a&f=00&fg=email Session 4 &5 – Communication 101 Session 6: Sexual Orientation/ Attitudes, Values and Insights · Discussion of the personal communication strengths and challenges sheet that they did for Discussion: Three articles read for homework, 3 completely different views on sexual · PowerPoint presentation on communication including discussion points and video clips: orientation Definition s- expressive, receptive, verbal, non-verbal Own attitudes and values worksheet Non-verbal communication- use of videos to encourage analysis of other people's Invited a panel of people from the local gay, lesbian, bisexual community group to share behaviors personal stories and answer questions from students in class. o Tips for improving your non-verbal communication Verbal communication – tone, pitch, volume etc., initiating conversations, maintaining conversations, joining conversations. Activity in pairs role-playing conversational skills of 'Asking and Telling' (Baker, 2005) How to make small talk o Practicing being boring leading to how to be sensitive to listener's needs included video clip from Shop girl movie (2006, Touchstone Home Entertainment). Role-play activity "Joining a Conversation" in groups of 3 (Baker, 2005) Understanding the concept of the communication process being lifelong and picking one thing to being working on now. Session 7 – Sensory Sensitivities Session 8 -Friendships Activity: Set up class with lamps, hand fidgets, and brought different oil scents, lotions, Activity: Getting to know someone new (Baker, 2005) peppermint candy and gum, calming music, and snack was related to spicy, sour, crunchy, Video recorded staff using role playing of a situation to get together with a new healthy food. person - student critiqued staff (Bellini, 2007) Power point and discussion: Students role played Experienced (e.g., scents and hyperbaric chamber) and talked about each of the Power point: 5 senses plus vestibular and proprioceptive input. Friendship is foundation for strong love relationships What sensory issues do students' encounter every day? Look for a person with same interests and values that one enjoys being with and What impact does your level of sensitivities have on your relationships? a person one trusts. If you have experienced sexuality with another person, what sensitivities have Where do I meet friends? you needed to work through or need ideas on how to overcome? What to do on first meeting? What do we talk about? Or Not talk about? 2nd Activity: List own interests and where want to explore? Who do you know already who likes to do these things? Challenge to initiate conversation to go together Session 9 -Relationships Session 10-Dating Relationships Play conversation game PowerPoint presentation much of which was based on 'Dating for Dummies': View DVD (showing emotions) o What is dating? Describe social scenario, setting behavior - what's happening or what o Appearing confident on the outside/ confidence on the inside has happened? You're ready to date if... o How to get 'in shape' for dating Recognize feelings/thoughts of actors/actresses – describe what in scene shows this evidence? o Finding a date (included discussion of movie video clip of 2 people meeting and arranging a date) Predict next scene o Asking for a date - what works and what doesn't work Videotape staff starting a conversation First date: Where to go, events to avoid, what to wear, who pays, what to say. Flirting, what is it, how to do it, gender differences (included discussion of video clip Say hello, give compliment Brief eye contact ask a question or make an inquiry from American Idol.), and websites with flirting guides. Visit local bookstore to practice initiating conversations o Using compliments on a date o How to tell if your date is interested How to end a date (successful, so-so, disaster) What to do after a date (evaluate it) and how to set up further dates Students also filled in "Am I Ready for Friendship" worksheet Session 11- Stages of Relationships, Confidence and Building One's Own Self Esteem: Session 12- Sexual Expression Sexual Expression Discussion of the link between emotions and behaviors o Diagrams and explanations of stages of both romantic and friendship relationships Group activity - stages posted around room and scenarios read out Scripts that we use to plan our lives and behavior Fantasy and dreams Activity: What is sex? Definitions from research and an activity designed to encourage Timelines of relationships and discussion that these things are not absolute Worksheet activity - identify which stage you are in Identify your next step - guidelines for how to get there thinking about personal definitions No graphic information was given on sexual technique but students were given resources that they could choose to refer to such as books, videos and website o Each student made written plan for getting to the next step and one thing they were going to do this week o Resources given for where to find information regarding complex issues within a long-Sexual Coercion: Harassment, Aggression and Abus term relationship (e.g. when to consider co-habiting or marriage) • Activity – worksheet identify your positive character traits, pair up and ask the other person Abuse, harassment, and legal issues Warning signs that someone may become abusive and what to do if you see these thingsto list some positive things about you. Discussion on self-esteem and how other people view included video clip Social boundary blunders – when do they become illegal? o Sexual harassment Sexual aggression and rape (included reducing your risk and webcam video clip: www.nytimes.com/justinberry) Session 13-Contraceptives and Sexually Transmitted Infections Session 14: Meeting New People Socially Evaluate own knowledge of contraceptives and STI's Students were prepared ahead of time by explaining what will happen and asking them to Guest Presenter: review certain handouts that targeted meeting new people and social communication skills Models of what a lump on breast or testicles would feel like · A group of typically developing students of similar age from the education dept. of a Video on breasts and testicular exams university volunteered to help out Free condoms and lesson on use . The groups had 90mins to play games (our students brought the games) and eat snacks List of variety of contraceptive options with information on pro's and Following this both groups of students evaluated in writing their interactions with peers Instructors then met individually with each student to give them some

feedback/suggestions

Factual information on sexually transmitted infections
Free pamphlets available through Planned Parenthood

	Meeting New Peo	ple Socially
Name of Student	Game Played	•
	Please put a score by any of the items be	elow using the following rating:
l = Not a problem, this happened as often 2= The person had some difficulty with th 3 = This was a significant difficulty for th N = No opportunity to do this	is but attempted to do it	
Non-verbal communication		
Sit up straight		
Person was alert, smiling, and	l talking	
Person used gestures directed	towards self or others	
	or at least look in the area of the face	
Facial expression matched th	e mood	
Starting Conversation		
First to say hello		
Introduced self or others in the	e group	
Maintaining Conversation		
gotten any new video g	our major in school? What classes are you taking? ames lately? What kind of work do you do? Etc.	Where are you from? What do you like to do in Bloomington? Have you
Gave a compliment if approp		
Tells others information abou	t their self	
An active listener		
Appropriate amount of asking		V1 100
Showed respect for your view	vs if topic occurs by saying "Well that's your opinion	n, I have a different opinion."
Playing Game		
All agreed on rules		
Compromised if needed to		
Confidence		

Evaluation of Meeting New People Socially

Other Comments (please note anything that you saw as a particular strength for the student or anything that seemed more challenging or socially

Please put a score by any of the items below using the following rating:

- 1= Not a problem, this happened as often as most people would expect
 2= The person had some difficulty with this but attempted to do it
 3 = This was a significant difficulty for the person or they did not attempt it at all.

Made a good first impression with appropriate clothing, personal hygiene etc.

Appeared appropriately confident (e.g. smiled voice loud enough but not too loud, stood up straight).

N	=	No	opportunity	to	do	this

Ended Social Event

in appropriate):

How did person end game and the meeting?

N = No opportunity to do this		
Name:	You	One of the IU students
Non-verbal communication		Students
Sit up straight		
Person was alert, smiling, and talking		
Person used gestures directed towards self or others		
Used eye contact periodically or at least look in the area of the face		
Facial expression matched the mood		
Starting Conversation		
First to say hello		
Introduced self or others in the group		
Maintaining Conversation		
Asked open ended questions or started conversations For example: What is your major in school? What classes are you taking? Where are you from? What do you like to do in Bloomington? Have you gotten any new video games lately? What kind of work do you do? Etc.		
Gave a compliment if appropriate		
Tells others information about their self		
An active listener		
Appropriate amount of asking and telling in conversation		
Showed respect for others views if topic occurs eg by saying "Well that's your opinion, I have a different opinion."		
Playing Game		
Agreed on rules, or listened to explanations or explained.		
Compromised if needed to		
Confidence		
Made a good first impression with appropriate clothing, personal hygiene etc.	<u> </u>	
Appeared appropriately confident (e.g. smiled, voice loud enough but not too loud, stood up straight).		
Ended Social Event		
Ended the game and meeting appropriately? (e.g. smiled, said 'good to meet you' etc.)		

- Other Comments (please note anything that you saw as a particular strength for you in this situation or anything that seemed more challenging or anything you wish that you did differently):
 Any areas or strategies that you would like to focus more intently on changing about yourself or developing in the future:

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