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On behalf of the Psychotherapy Commission of ACPE, we want to recommend the “Addiction and the Family: A Seminary Curriculum,” a flexible curriculum on addiction and the family, developed by seminary professors with the advise of seminary deans and addiction education leaders. We hope it will have a useful tool for you and your seminary.

The course has been written by author and professor, Robert H. Albers, Ph.D (Luther Seminary and United Theological School in St. Paul, MN), who is well-known to us in the pastoral care professions. It is thorough and open- ended, always allowing for specific case applications, yet structured with useful knowledge for the professional practitioner as well as the professional parish pastor/provider. Its listing of resources is fulsome and applicable.

An online version to expand the flexibility of professors who prefer to teach, at least partially, from an online course manual can be accessed at https://nacoa.org/Seminary_Curriculum/; it has a number of videos and other links that enhance the material periodically throughout the curriculum. A Case for the Curriculum is in the front packet of the course manual and can be a very helpful introduction.

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