*Describe the history and current state of the opioid crisis in the United States.*

*Describe the history and current state of the opioid crisis in Virginia*

*Define the pharmacological components and common uses of opioids.*

***Examine the Key Factors of Drug Addiction***

*Examine the science of addiction.*

*Explain prevention and early intervention strategies.*

*Identify addiction and its behavioral elements, as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5).*

*Describe the treatment models of addiction therapy.*

*Describe the medication management antidote used to prevent fatal opioid overdoses.*

***Understand Pain Management Protocols***

*Explain the science of physiological and mental pain.*

*Describe the diagnostic tools used in developing pain management plans.*

*Describe pain treatment options available to various populations of patients.*

*Describe the effects of opioid dependency on the human body systems.*

*Explain the mechanism and physical effects of opioids on the human body.*

*Explain the use of opioids in practice settings, the role of opioids in pain management, and risk factors associated with the use of the medication.*

*Describe the withdrawal and tapering side effects of opioid use.*

*Describe storage and disposal options for opioids.*

*Explain community resources for education about opioid use.*