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UNLV Professor Larry Ashley Joins Addicted.com as Treatment Professional

Noted Gambling Addiction Specialist Will Provide Insight to Groundbreaking Addiction Community Website

SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Addicted.com – the website that offers resources for addicts and their families to find support and recovery resources online, has announced that gambling addiction expert Larry Ashley, Ed.S., LADC, LMSW, LPC CPGC, has been added to the site as an Addiction Treatment Professional.

Professor Ashley has been involved in the substance abuse and trauma field for over thirty years as a college professor, researcher, and therapist. He is currently Addictions Specialist and Undergraduate Coordinator in the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Director of the Problem Gambling Treatment Program, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Internal Medicine, University of Nevada School of Medicine.

As an Addiction Professional on the Addicted.com website, Ashley will contribute articles, self-tests, insight and interface with the site's users in a Q&A style forum.

The Addicted.com site features a full slate of professional addiction experts that specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of common addictions including: gambling, eating disorders, sexual addiction and drug and alcohol addiction. The site also offers people seeking help a Zip Code Locator which visitors can use to find nearby recovery centers, doctors, counselors and other assistance for their addictions.

"It is an honor to welcome Professor Ashley as one of our distinguished national experts at Addicted.com," said site Founder and CEO John S. Shegerian. "He and his program at UNLV are recognized as pioneers in the area of researching and treating gambling addiction. His passion for helping those struggling with gambling and other addictive behaviors and his research based approaches to problem solving will be a tremendous asset to us and to all of those who use the site as a bridge to getting better."

Due to his extensive clinical experience coupled with local, national and international speaking engagements, Ashley is also considered to be a leading expert on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and issues related to addictions. He has a special interest on the impact of war on soldiers world wide and working with them to heal emotional and psychological wounds.

"The internet is really the land of the 'good, the bad and the ugly,'" said Ashley. "For many struggling with addictions it can actually be a tool to further access to those addictions. However, with sites such as Addicted.com and the promise it provides as a launching pad for recovery, there are tools now available that people can access in the comfort of their own homes that can help them begin the recovery process. My hope is that Addicted.com will provide many addicts with the start to a genuine, qualified recovery process."

Visitors to the site can send Ashley and the other Addicted.com Addiction Professionals questions anonymously. They can also take [self-tests](#) to help determine whether they have an addiction and may need to seek help. Articles, advice, experts and other resources give users the option of complete anonymity if they are seeking resources but aren't ready to share their story with the world. To add even more in-depth assistance, Addicted.com added an online "Aftercare" program, designed to continue giving support to addicts after their treatment has ended.

Addicted.com provides addiction recovery resources and tools for addicts, family members and friends throughout the Internet community. The main goal of the site is to maintain a well-known on-line space for people to visit when they need advice, answers, assistance or just someone to talk with.

For more information on addicted.com, its mission and services, please visit www.addicted.com or contact info@addicted.com.

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