Syllabus

Treatment Planning and Intervention with Adults
Counseling Psychology 524
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1:00 – 4:15
SCC Room 115

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Office Hours  
Monday and Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00  
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By Appointment  
Telephone appointments are preferred when they prevent extra trips to campus

Please Note: The office staff keeps my appointment schedule so that everyone has regular and equal access to scheduling appointments. Please contact the office at (503) 768-6060, between 9:00 and 5:30, to schedule regular appointments. If my office hours do not work for you, leave a message with the office staff about times you can come in or have a scheduled telephone appointment and I will do my best to work out a satisfactory way for us to have the discussion you need.

Catalogue Course Description

Contemporary approaches to assessment, treatment planning, and intervention based in biopsychosocial systems and evidence-based interventions. Major areas include mood disorders, anxiety disorders, substance abuse and addictive disorders, eating disorders, personality disorders, spirituality and integrative approaches to meaning and purpose. Emphasis on multicultural and ecological contexts in planning and conducting multi-faceted interventions for change.

Learning Objectives: Students completing this course with satisfactory evaluation will be able to

1. Demonstrate how to use information from multiple assessment strategies to create treatment plans that are client-centered, individualized, and culturally sound. (CC: 7h, 7f, 5b, 2c, A5, C2, C4, C7)

2. Describe and explain the major elements of intervention (treatment) planning strategies. (CC: 5b, 5c, C2, C7)

3. Create basic treatment plans drawing on evidence-based treatments for depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse, and other common presenting problems. (CC: 5b, 5c, 3c, C2, C4)
4. Describe and explain the application of core evidence-based psychosocial interventions for common problems in mental health and addictions treatment. (CC: 5b, 5c, 3c, C1, C2)

5. Construct means of evaluating client progress. (CC: 7g, 5b)

6. Find, evaluate, and present critical concepts and evidence about diagnosis and treatment of a specific clinical issue or disorder. (CC: 8e)

7. Identify and use information about the personal, social, and cultural context of a client’s life to formulate client-centered treatment plans. (CC: 2c, 5b, 5c, 3c, A5, C3)

8. Describe and give examples of ways to integrate client’s values, positive personal goals, religious and spiritual consciousness and commitments into treatment planning. (CC: 2c, 5b, 5c)

9. Describe, explain, and demonstrate through role plays and case planning how to use the DSM-IV system and criteria to enhance assessment and treatment planning for individual clients (CC: C5)

10. Describe, explain, and demonstrate via case studies how to choose appropriate modalities for intervention including group, family, medical, and other systems including community-based supports, and plan for short, intermediate, and long-term engagement based on client goals, needs, and resources. (CC: C3, C4, C7)

Requirements for Credit:

Regular attendance and active participation in class sessions and workgroups*.  

Complete individual and group treatment planning exercises as assigned.

Complete one individual review of best practices in working with a client problem which is not a major focus of attention in the regular class sessions. (A guide will be provided.)

Complete an experimental personal change intervention project. (A guide will be provided.)

Complete mid-term exams with satisfactory scores.

Evaluation Criteria:

Mid term exams 50% of grade

These exams will use multiple forms of questions. Points will be assigned for correct answers in each type of question. Total points will be placed on a curve and grades will be assigned based on general levels of exceptional mastery, competent mastery, minimal mastery, and insufficient mastery.

Personal Change Project 20%

Best Practices Report 20% of grade

Attendance, Participation and Group Work 10% of grade

Grades
A Exceptional
B Competent and Sound
C Minimal Competence
D Insufficient evidence of minimum mastery
Failure to demonstrate learning

Notes on attendance and participation.

Being present in class and participating actively in the learning activities of this course is critical to successful accomplishment of the learning objectives. Enrollment in this graduate class assumes your personal commitment to its purposes and objectives in your professional development. One absence for extenuating personal or family circumstances, (illness, accident, and other uncontrollable events) will be excused. Absences for discretionary activities such as vacations, elective travel or pre-planned personal events will not be excused. Make up activities or assignments for classes missed are expected and are to be arranged on an individual basis with the instructor. Absences that do not meet criteria for being excused may result in a reduction of grade or credit or both.

Class sessions are to be active, engaged experiences with more time devoted to working on cases. The time devoted to instructor presentations going over basic concepts and information from the readings will be limited. Questions and discussion are always encouraged. In addition to the readings PowerPoint outlines will be provided that integrate information in ways the readings do not. We will try to maximize class time spent working on cases, discussing the issues that arise, We will practice basic intervention skills by role-playing and will observe and evaluate video demonstrations of best strategies for helping people change. The readings and outlines are not extensive but do require thoughtful attention. Come to class prepared.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity means doing authentic work for this class, work that is your own and is specifically for this class. Plagiarized work or work that has been substantially or completely prepared for other classes does not meet this standard of integrity. This includes copying verbatim or in essence treatment plans and interventions from published books on the subject. Any such materials submitted for this class will not receive credit and their submission will be considered as a possible breach of ethical standards of conduct.

MOODLE

Most of you are at least minimally familiar with Moodle, the online learning system now in use at Lewis and Clark and the Grad School. I will be posting the syllabus, the course schedule, readings, learning materials and handouts, and possibly some activities for you to pursue between classes. The access code (enrollment key) will be given at the beginning of the term.

If you do not have the computer capabilities to access Moodle on the Lewis and Clark website, please notify me. Also, if you cannot download and read documents in MSWord, PowerPoint, or Adobe Acrobat/pdf. Format, please let me know as well. Text documents will be posted in MSWord, *.docx format, or *.doc (compatibility) format. If your computer software does not accept the *.docx format, you can download a small translator program that will make this possible. Go to the Information Technology Web page on the Lewis and Clark website, go to software downloads, and choose the MSWord XML converter.

The use of Moodle for this course is experimental. If you have trouble with Moodle or cannot access it I will see that all information and materials are available by other means. That said, students were enthusiastic last year about having course materials available on Moodle. Keep me informed of your benefits and any difficulties you have so we can make this work for us.

Texts:


Other readings as assigned and provided in class or online.

Optional:


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**Bibliography**


