

Lewis & Clark College
Graduate School of Education & Counseling
Professional Mental Health Counseling &
Professional Mental Health Counseling – Specialization in Addictions

MHC540 Career Counseling | Syllabus Cover Sheet

Required Course Objectives *Professional Identity Standards (CACREP 2016 Standards)*

- 4a. theories and models of career development, counseling, and decision making
- 4b. approaches for conceptualizing the interrelationships among and between work, mental well-being, relationships, and other life roles and factors
- 4c. processes for identifying and using career, vocational, educational, occupational, and labor market information resources, technology, and information systems
- 4d. approaches for assessing the conditions of the work environment on clients' life experiences
- 4e. strategies for assessing abilities, interests, values, personality and other factors that contribute to career development
- 4f. strategies for career development program planning, organization, implementation, administration, and evaluation
- 4g. strategies for advocating for diverse clients' career and educational development and employment opportunities in a global economy
- 4h. strategies for facilitating client skill development for career, educational, and life-work planning and management
- 4i. methods of identifying and using assessment tools and techniques relevant to career planning and decision making
- 4j. ethical and culturally relevant strategies for addressing career development

Entry-Level Specialty: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CACREP 2016 Standards)

- C2l. legal and ethical considerations specific to clinical mental health counseling

Instruction Methods	
Lecture	X
Small Group Discussion	X
Large Group Discussion	X
Course Readings	X
Group Presentation	
Individual Presentation	
DVD/Video Presentation	
Supervised Small Group Work	X
Individual/Triadic Supervision	
Group Supervision	
Case Study	X
Debate	
Class Visitor/Guest Lecturer	
Off-Campus/Field Visit	
Other:	

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MHC 540-01 Career Counseling

Fridays, 1.13-3.17 | 9am-12pm | York 101

Credit: 2 semester hours

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to schedule meetings)

Course Description

Career development theories; current career trends, concerns, and programs/interventions for diverse client populations; career counseling strategies, tools, and resources (including Web-based resources); facilitation of client awareness, choice, and action with respect to career-related issues; integration of career counseling with mental health and addictions treatment. Emphasis is on developing a broad view of career as lifestyle, the mutual impact of career and cultures, and the practical application of theory and information in a professional counseling context.

Class Objectives

Create a collaborative, inquiry-based community of engaged, reflective, and self-directed learners involved in learning, discussing, understanding, and presenting on the dynamics of career counseling.

Required Text

Tang, M. (2019). *Career development and counseling: Theory and practice in a multicultural world*. Sage.

Required Assessment Tools

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and Strong Interest Inventory (SII) – a link will be provided by the instructor.

Recommended Readings:

My teaching style is rooted in responding to the needs of the class. This means adapting to the questions, conversations, and processes that develop in real-time. There may be other readings or learning materials assigned as themes emerge or events unfold. On Moodle, there are also suggested readings and additional resources; these are marked as additional materials and are not required for the course but are instead intended to support your clinical development.

Instructional Process

This course will function in a seminar/collaborative learning format. You are expected to actively and thoughtfully contribute to discussions. Students are responsible for leading text discussions and case studies, as well as participating in counseling practice with fellow students.

Course Evaluations

Instructors must require students to complete course evaluations during class time following established guidelines of the Graduate School of Education and Counseling.

Course Expectations

Departmental Attendance Policy:

Class attendance is expected and required. **Missing more than ten percent of class time may result in failure to complete the class.** This would be 4.5 hours of a 45-hour class (3 credits), or 3.0 hours for a 30-hour class (2 credits). In cases of extreme hardship, a grade of incomplete may be given for an assignment or the entire course, at the discretion of the instructor. In such cases, the work to be submitted in order to remove the incomplete must be documented appropriately and stated deadlines met.

General Policies:

This course adheres to the general policies outlined in the catalog and [Student Handbook](#) of the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling. In addition, this course will follow the [COVID-19 safety protocols](#) as established by the college.

Disability Services Statement:

If you have a disability that may impact your academic performance, you may request accommodations by submitting documentation to the Student Support Services Office in Albany Quadrangle (503-768-7192). This contact is the necessary first step for receiving appropriate accommodations and support services. After you have submitted documentation and filled out paperwork for the current semester requesting accommodations, staff in that office will notify me of the accommodations for which you are eligible. Please discuss with me which accommodations will best support your learning in this class.

Attendance:

If you need to miss a class, **email me at least one hour prior to the class start time.** One absence is allowed with prior notification, in accordance with department policy. Two absences may result in a failing grade for the course. You may be assigned additional work for an excused absence. **Class starts at 9am; please be on time and ready to participate.**

Participation:

This course is heavily participatory and requires students to engage in both dyadic and experiential training methods. Students are expected to attend class in order to participate in technique practice and exploring the topics covered in class. It is also expected that students have done the assigned readings prior to that class meeting. Participation will be evaluated on your active engagement and the quality of your contributions to class and group discussions.

Devices:

All electronic devices are to be **turned off, silenced, and out of sight during class** unless explicitly needed for a class activity. You will have an opportunity to check your devices during breaks.

Assignment Evaluation:

Your work will be evaluated on depth, effort, professional quality, completeness, and timeliness. Please take advantage of electronic tools to check spelling and grammar, but don't underestimate the value of a final proofreading! Punctuation is also important and may alter the meaning or interpretation of your work if not used appropriately. Citations should be in APA format, following the styles indicated in APA's *Publication Manual, 7th Edition*. Late assignments will be accepted **with prior approval**; however, your assignment grade will be lowered at the rate of one letter grade per day for late assignments.

Assignment Submission:

All assignments will be submitted through Moodle unless indicated on the assignment sheet. Please name your files using the following convention:

FirstInitialLastName_AssignmentTitle.pdf

So, if Chris Smith was submitting the Intervention Research Paper, they would submit a file named:

CSmith_CareerAutobiography.pdf

Professionalism:

As a future professional counselor, you are expected to maintain a capacity for openness to points of view, theories, experiences, and perspectives that are different from your own and to demonstrate the ability to engage in thoughtful, open dialogue with people who carry or hold other perspectives. You are expected to behave in ways that show respect for the other person and their point of view. You will work to understand other perspectives and demonstrate the ability to balance your own worldviews and judgements with accountability to professional knowledge and behavior.

Grading: This course is graded in accordance with the grading policy of the Graduate School of Education and Counseling, available for viewing in the [Student Handbook](#) and is the point equivalent of that grading scale (A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7, D+ = 1.3, D = 1.0, F = 0.0).

Grading Criteria

A	94%-100%
A-	90-93%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	74-76%
F	73% or below

Points Breakdown

Career Autobiography	20 points
Intake Form, Interview, Case Note	20 points
Career Assessment & Interpretation	40 points
Participation	20 points
TOTAL	100 points

Career Autobiography Paper Due 2/3 (20 pts)

In many ways, our lives reflect the events that have happened to us. Some events force us in one direction, while others may cause us to resist and move in an opposite direction. When planning the future, it is important to take a thoughtful look at the past. In this paper, you will consider some of the events that have influenced *your* educational and career development. What people, places and events have been important in shaping your life to date?

The *My Career Story Workbook* (available on Moodle) may be helpful to guide your thinking. In your paper, be sure to address the following questions:

1. Think about the values and attitudes that matter most to you. Consider how you formed these beliefs—in what ways did societal forces influence them? How does your unique social context apply to your attitudes and values? Consider your gender, race, ability status, and ethnicity—how may these forces have influenced your educational and career direction?
2. The issue of social/economic class is especially important in shaping our understanding of the cultural context of career development. Discuss the importance of socioeconomic status in shaping you and why this understanding is important in career counseling.
3. How will your awareness of these influences shape your counseling work? Where do you imagine yourself working after graduation—in a clinic? Private or group practice? What populations do you see yourself working with?

Your paper should be no more than 4-5 pages, double spaced, 11-12pt font, 1" margins.

Career Intake Form & Case Note Summary Due 2/24 (20 pts)

You will develop a set of intake questions and use this tool to guide an intake interview with your partner (to be completed by 2/17 for use in your Career Intake Interview Session). Include questions that will identify:

Presenting concerns (career & other)

Demographic information, including visible and non-visible social locations and identities (i.e. race, nationality, ethnicity, class, religion or spiritual beliefs, biological sex, gender identity, sexual/affectional orientation, ability status(es), age)

Family and social influences, life roles, physical & mental health information, etc.

Career Intake Interview: Using the intake form you have developed, conduct an intake interview with your partner. Intake interviews will be conducted during class time on 2/17.

Case Note: Write a case note summary of your intake interview for me to read as your “supervisor.” Your summary should be **no more than one single-spaced page**. You will submit both a blank version of your Intake Form and your completed case note summary based on your interview on 2/24.

Career Counseling Assessment & Interpretation Reflection Paper Due 3/10 (40 pts)

Using what you learned about your partner from both their intake session and from the results of their Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) and Strong Interest Inventory (SII), you will provide them with an assessment interpretation session.

Address how these inventories help you guide their thinking about your “client’s” career path. How can your interpretation support them in clarifying their goals? How does what you both learn from the assessments clarify or broaden what you learned in the intake interview?

Interpretation sessions will be conducted during the week of 3/3. You will be responsible for finding time for your group to get together to conduct these interviews either online or in person.

After the interpretation, you will write a **2-3 page reflection paper (double-spaced, 11-12pt font, 1” margins)** that addresses the following questions:

What was your experience in the counselor role providing an interpretation of results? How did the information gathered in your intake session support your understanding of the results?

What was your experience in the client role receiving your partner’s interpretation?

Did your results change or clarify anything about your future goals? What did they reveal to you about your interests, personality, values, skills, or strengths? How will this information be useful to you as you pursue your career as a counselor?

What is the value to both counselor and client in using these types of assessments?
What are the challenges?

You will also submit a **session evaluation form** (available on Moodle) to guide feedback and to reflect on your experience as a client and as an observer.

Course Schedule

This is a preliminary schedule. We will remain flexible and this page will be updated on Moodle as needed.

Week	Date	Topic	Readings for the Next Class	Due
1	1/13/23	Introductions, Syllabus & Textbook Review What is Career Counseling & Why Should You Care?; Historical Influences on Career & Career Counseling Field Development	Chapters 1 & 2, 4	
2	1/20/23	Theories & Models of Career Counseling: Trait & Factor, Developmental	Chapter 5	
3	1/27/23	Theories & Models of Career Counseling: Social Learning & Constructivist	Chapter 6 & 7	
4	2/3/23	Intake & Assessment; Ethics	Chapter 8	Career Autobiography Paper
4	2/10/23	Career Counseling Process		
6	2/17/23	Intake Interview Sessions	Chapter 9	
7	2/24/23	Career Resources & Interventions Assessment Interpretation Demo		Case Note Summary & Blank Intake Form
8	3/3/23	MBTI/SII Interpretation Sessions	Chapters 3, 12-14	
9	3/10/23	Multicultural Considerations in Career Counseling	Chapter 15	Reflection Paper & Session Evaluation Form
10	3/17/23	Integration of Theory & Practice Course summary & evaluations		