

COURSE SYLLABUS

Lewis & Clark College: Graduate School of Education and Counseling
CPSY 524 Counseling & Interventions with Adults
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Textbooks/Materials:

The Art of Integrative Counseling, (2013), Gerald Corey

The Mindful Path to Self-Compassion: Freeing Yourself from Destructive Thoughts and Emotions, (2009), Christopher Germer.

Readings: A class packet is in the works and will be included on Moodle, citations included on syllabus

Catalogue Description: Contemporary approaches to assessment, treatment planning, and intervention based in bio-psychosocial systems and empirically supported interventions. Major areas include mood disorders, anxiety disorders, psychotic disorders, personality disorders, substance abuse and addictive disorders including eating disorders and gambling. Emphasis on multicultural and ecological contexts in planning and conducting multifaceted interventions for change.

Course Goals and Objectives:

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)

Course Calendar:

Date Topics, Readings & Assignments Due

Jan 10 Introductions, exploring the topic of presence, adopting a theoretical framework & developing your own counseling approach

Oregon Counseling Association Visit

Jan 17 Mindfulness, Self-Compassion and Self-Care, What does this have to do with interventions and treatment planning? Setting the stage for presence, self care and your internal work during this course

Readings: Germer, Chapters 1-5

Jan 24 Therapeutic Relationship, Case Formulation and Treatment Planning. Including Diversity, Feminist and Critical Theory in all Counseling Work

Readings: Corey, Chapters 1-2

Germer, Chapters 6-7

Feminist-Informed Critical Multiculturalism, Journal of Family Issues, 28, no. 4 (2007): 549-566

Pick topics & presentation dates for Best Practices Report

Jan 31 Attachment and Counseling

Readings: Germer, Chapters 8-9

In Adult Attachment: Theory, Research, and Clinical Applications, Ed Rholes & Simpson What does it Mean to be Attached? Hazan, Gur-Yaish, & Campa (Ch. 3)

Anxious Attachment and Depressive Symptoms: An Interpersonal Perspective, Simpson & Rholes (Ch. 14)

In Attachment, Eds., Erdman & NG

Contextual Thinking in Attachment: Implications for Clinical Assessment and Interventions in Cultural Contexts, Shi (Ch. 18)

Reflections Paper Due

Feb 7 Treatment Planning and “Resistance”

Readings: Corey, Chapters 4-6

Addressing Depression and Suicidality

Readings: Handbook of Comparative Interventions for Adult Disorders, Hersen & Bellack Ch. 6 In Silencing the Self Across Cultures: Depression and Gender in the Social World, Jack & Ali:

The Social Cause of Women's Depression: A Question of Rights Violated? Astbury (Ch. 2)

Empowering Depressed Women: The Importance of a Feminist Lens, Brown (pp. 333-342)

“I Wasn't Being True to Myself”: Women's Narratives of Postpartum Depression, Mauthner (Ch. 21)

Feb 14 Cognitive, Emotive and Behavior Foci in Counseling

Readings: Corey, Chapters 6-8

Feb 28 Cognitive, Emotive and Behavior Foci in Counseling continued

Addressing Anxiety

Readings: Expanding Our Conceptualization of and Treatment for Generalized Anxiety Disorder: Integrating Mindfulness/Acceptance-Based Approaches With Existing Cognitive-Behavioral Models, Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice, 9, no. 1 (2002): 54
Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Generalized Anxiety Disorder: Current Status and Future Directions, Journal of cognitive psychotherapy. 19, no. 1, (2005): 61-82
Treatment of panic and agoraphobia. An integrative review, The Journal of nervous and mental disease, 1990 Sep; 178(9): 567-76

March 7 Trauma, Abuse, Assault and Family Violence

Readings: From the Margins to the Center: Ethnic Minority Women and the Mental Health Effects of Sexual Assault, Bryant-Davis, Chug & Tillman, Trauma Violence and Abuse, 2009, V 10
In, Traumatic Stress: The Effects of Overwhelming Experience on Mind, Body, and Society, Eds., van der Kolk, McFarlane, Weisaeth, The Therapeutic Environment and New Explorations in the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Turner, McFarlane, & van der Kolk (Ch. 25)

March 14 Working toward personal approach to counseling

Readings: Corey Chapters 9-11

Addressing Addictive Disorders, Eating Disorders and Gambling Disorder

Readings: Motivational Interviewing and Rehabilitation Counseling Practice, Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin, 47, no. 3 (2004): 152-161
Development and Use of an Eating Disorder Assessment and Treatment Protocol, Journal of College Counseling, v9 n1 p72 Spr 2006
Evaluation and treatment of pathological gambling, Journal of gambling studies / co-sponsored by the National Council on Problem Gambling and Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, 2005 Spring; 21(1): 35-42

March 21 Working Toward Decisions and Behavior Change

Readings: Corey, Chapter 12

Addressing Personality Disorders

Readings: The "A-B-C's" of the cluster B's: identifying, understanding, and treating cluster B personality disorders, Clinical psychology review, 2001 Apr; 21(3): 345-73
Linehan's Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) for borderline personality disorder: Overview and Adaption, Swales, Journal of Mental Health, 2000, V 9, pp. 7-23

March 28 No class – spring break

April 4 Evaluation and Termination

Readings: Corey, Chapter 13

Addressing Psychotic Disorders

Readings: Cognitive Behavior Therapies for Psychotic Disorders: Current Empirical Status and Future Directions, Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice, 12, no. 1 (2005): 33-50

Best Practices reports due

April 11 **Best Practices Presentations**

April 18 **Best Practice Presentations**
Revisiting of Reflections Reports due

April 25 **Reflections on the class and Remaining Issues**
Best Practice Presentations (if needed)

Course Requirements:

1. Class attendance and participation is vital. This will account for 12% of your final grade. In order for me to track this, each day you will bring a written question to class that you will then get answered in class and hand in to me at the end of class. There are 12 classes (not counting the 1st and last) and your answered questions will each be worth 1 point for a total of 12 points.
2. Reflections paper. This will account for 14% of your grade. There are 7 questions to answer and each answer will receive a total of 2 points for clarity and completeness for a total of 14 points.
3. Best Practices report. This will account for 45% of your final grade. Each of the 9 criteria for the paper will receive a total possible score of 5 for a total of 45 points.
4. Best Practices presentation. This will account for 14% of your final grade. There are 7 areas to address and each answer will receive a total of 2 points for clarity and completeness for a total of 14 points.
5. Revisiting Reflections Paper. This will account for 15% of your final grade. Each of the 5 questions will receive 3 points for a total of 15 points.

Evaluation and Assessment: Grades will be assigned according to the following criteria:

A level work: Exceptional

B level work: Competent and sound

C level work: Minimal competence

D level work: Insufficient evidence of minimum mastery

F level work: Failure to demonstrate learning

Class Attendance: Being present in class and actively participating in all of the learning activities is critical to the successful accomplishment of the learning objectives. We will be actively exploring and practicing intervention and treatment planning techniques during class time. This is your time to try things out and see how they will work for you and your future clients. Enrollment in this graduate degree class is a commitment to its purposes and objectives in your personal development. Of course, life happens, and if you absolutely have to miss class, talk to me and you will be assigned make-up work for the time missed. I expect this to happen no more than once.

Reflections Paper: It is essential as a counselor/psychologist that you have a strong theoretical underpinning to your work. What theory of counseling you adopt will determine your methodology as well as the ways you interpret what happens in your sessions. This assignment asks you to do some internal searching and then use that to choose a theoretical framework that is the best fit for you and your future clients. This assignment is due early in the class so that you will rely on it throughout the rest of the term. You will then revisit it at the end of the term to add insights and understandings you have gained throughout the term.

Your paper will answer the following questions:

1. What are my beliefs about change? About the nature of distress?
2. What values do I hold about counseling and human development?
3. How would I describe my personality and how might it be expressed in a counseling session?
4. What life experiences have led me to desire to become a counselor?
5. What beliefs do I have about clients?
6. What theoretical framework [i.e., psychodynamic (that is, psychoanalytic, object-relations, Adlerian; experiential or relationship-oriented (that is, existential, person-centered, Gestalt); action-oriented (that is, behavioral therapy, rational-emotive behavioral, cognitive, reality therapy; solution-focused-brief therapy).] is the best fit for my beliefs, values and personality? (In answering this question, be specific and address all the questions above)
7. In what ways will I include critical theory in my counseling?

Due: January 31

Revisiting of Reflections Reports

Toward the end of the term, you will revisit your initial reflection papers and answer the following questions:

1. In what ways have my beliefs and values about counseling changed? Not changed?
2. What new information do I have to support my use of the theoretical framework I have chosen?
3. How does my theoretical framework influence the way I will address a) building rapport, b) assessment, 3) treatment planning, 4) evaluating progress, 5) "resistance", and 6) termination?
4. What clients are the "best fit" for me as a counselor and my theoretical orientation?
5. What questions remain as I continue to prepare myself to do the work of counseling?

Due: April 18

Best Practices Report and Presentation: As a counselor, you will be continually reviewing research and your own clinical experiences to determine what is the best course of treatment for your clients. Each client will be unique, and yet, it is essential to know what the research tells us about what interventions will best meet the needs of clients. This is always the place to start. For this assignment, each student group of 3 will choose to present on a diagnosis. No two groups may do the same topic. Your presentation and paper should include the following: 1) Brief description of the disorder, 2) The process or avenues through which people access treatment, 3) Assessment methods and instruments, 4) Establishing a therapeutic relationship, 5) Clear description of the intervention(s) including cognitive, behavioral and emotive considerations, 6) Issues of termination, 7) Brief report of research supporting or contra-indicating the treatment, 8) Professional/ethical/legal/spiritual/cultural issues involved with this problem and 9) and handout for your fellow students with the pertinent information they will need to know to treat this disorder. Presentations should be approximately 20-30 minutes in length.

Grades for the presentation will be assigned according to the following guidelines:

- 1) Clarity and quality of description of the disorder, model and avenues to treatment
- 2) Clarity and quality of the description of the assessment and treatment
- 3) Clarity and quality of the presentation of the research findings
- 4) Coverage of professional/ethical/legal/spiritual/cultural issues
- 5) Use and quality of visual aids
- 6) Response to questions and presentation style (pacing, volume, eye contact, handling questions)
- 7) Usefulness and thoroughness of handout to fellow students

Topics & presentation dates chosen on January 31

Best practice reports due on April 4

Best practices presentations on April 11, 18 & 25 (if necessary)

Potential topics:

Adult ADHD
Anorexia
Anti-social Personality Disorder
Bulimia
Narcissistic Personality Disorder
Asperger's Disorder
Body Dysmorphic Disorder
Chronic Pain
Dissociative Identity Disorder
Sexual Offenders Treatment
Problem Gambling
Hypochondriasis
Histrionic Personality Disorder
Irritable Bowel Syndrome
Tourettes Syndrome

Bibliography & Additional Resources: See Moodle