



**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND COUNSELING**  
**CPSY 563: Treatment Issues in Family Therapy: Domestic Violence**

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Applications of family systems approach to treatment of families in crisis and transition. Topics include issues such as substance abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse, trauma and loss, poverty, and chronic illnesses. A portion of this course emphasizes clinical case conceptualization and treatment planning.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Family therapists are continually confronted with violent relational systems. Family violence is widespread and necessitates competency, awareness, and action from family therapists on an individual, familial, and societal level. This course is designed to provide family therapists with introductory knowledge and skills for the assessment and treatment of family violence.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students in this course will develop a working knowledge of assessing and treating domestic violence in the treatment of individuals, couples, children, and families from a relational/systemic perspective. This includes developing adequate safety and intervention plans.

ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are posted on Moodle. Please forward any material to [mgarcia@lclark.edu](mailto:mgarcia@lclark.edu) by December 1, 2014.

<b>Assignment 1</b>	<b>10 points</b>
<b>Assignment 2</b>	<b>20 points</b>
<b>Assignment 3</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>Assignment 4</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>Assignment 5</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>Assignment 6</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>Assignment 7</b>	<b>5 points</b>
<b>Assignment 8</b>	<b>40 points</b>

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## SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability and/or you have emergency medical information to share, please contact the instructors via e-mail as soon as possible.

### **Reading Assignments: CPSY 563—Domestic Violence**

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