Lewis & Clark College
Professional Mental Health Counseling & Professional Mental Health Counseling –
Specialization in Addictions
MHC 549
Clinical Reasoning: Theory and Research to Practice
Syllabus Cover Sheet

Required Objectives:

Professional Counseling Identity (CACREP 2016 Standards)

5a. theories and models of counseling
5h. developmentally relevant counseling treatment or intervention plans
5i. development of measurable outcomes for clients
5n. processes for aiding students in developing a personal model of counseling
8d. development of outcome measures for counseling programs

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

C1b. theories and models related to clinical mental health counseling
C1c. principles, models and documentation formats of biopsychosocial case conceptualization and treatment planning
C2l. legal and ethical considerations specific to clinical mental health counseling
C3a. intake interview, mental status evaluation, biopsychosocial history, mental health history, and psychological assessment for treatment planning and caseload management
### Key Required Assignments/Student Learning Outcomes

These assignments are required for the course, but **will not be the only requirements/expectations**. The chart below lists the assignment, method of submission, and benchmark score/grade. These assignments are set up for upload to Taskstream and/or instructor provides rating for assignment. See syllabus for details.

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<td><strong>Goal 5 of 6</strong></td>
<td>Gathers data, creates conceptualization, and plans treatment to match conceptualization</td>
<td>insufficient at one or more of: gathering data, creating conceptualization, or writing treatment plans to match conceptualization</td>
<td>MHC: 549 Final tx plan OR MHC A580 Client tx plan AND Practicum evaluation Items 31,34</td>
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<td><strong>Goal 3 of 6</strong></td>
<td>Writes theoretical orientation summary</td>
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<td><strong>Goal 5 of 7</strong></td>
<td>Develops measureable outcomes/goals, supported by the literature</td>
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Readings:

**Required:**

Ingram, B. L. (2011). *Clinical Case Formulations: Matching the Integrative Treatment Plan to the Client* (2nd ed.). Wiley.


**Articles/Chapters posted on Moodle as assigned. (See weekly schedule)**

**Catalog Description:**

This course assists students in developing critical thinking, case conceptualization, and treatment planning skills. As a co-requisite to Practicum II, students develop their abilities to gather data, conceptualize from their emerging theoretical perspectives, and plan treatment. Uses an ecological, social justice framework to view the client in context, apply evidence-based practice with cultural sensitivity, and plan interventions across multiple systems (individual, family, and community).

**Course Requirements:**

**READINGS:** Complete assigned readings ON TIME and be prepared to ask questions, discuss material, and APPLY the material during in-class assigned work.

**Treatment Plans:** Students will be required to turn in complete case conceptualizations and treatment plans for two to three (2-3) clients seen in Practicum. Case conceptualization/treatment plan will consist of a 1-2 page intake summary (single space), conceptualization (one paragraph-ish), and treatment plan with 3 long term goals, and objectives for each goal, and bibliography of literature (see below).
Text provides detailed outline, also see documents on Moodle page. Include bibliography of literature reviewed to develop treatment plan, minimum 3 books or peer reviewed articles. These must be from published books or peer reviewed journals. If you choose to use a website, you must also use the form and instructions listed on Moodle to evaluate the website.

Treatment plan one (1) will be revised and resubmitted after feedback. Treatment plan two (2) will be revised and resubmitted after feedback IF NEEDED. A third treatment plan will be assigned if competence is not demonstrated with completion of two plans. Failure to demonstrate skills on the third treatment plan will result in course failure. Competence is defined as a minimum of 120 pts on the final treatment plan (80%). See Ingram (2010) Appendix 1 page 314 for detailed evaluation list.

**Theoretical Orientation:** Write a one to two paragraph summary of your theoretical orientation (one page max, prefer one small paragraph). Think about how you will describe yourself in an internship or job interview.

**Attendance:** No more than one absence is acceptable. More than one absence may lead to a failure to complete requirements for credit.

**Due Dates:**

Class 2: Oct 24: Written case summary, list of 5-10 problems and goal statements

Class 3 Nov 7 : Case Formulation/Treatment Plan 1 Draft Due in class: Final 1st draft due to my office or clinic Friday Nov 11, 9 a.m.

Plan 1 returned to you by Nov 15, 9 am

Class 4: Nov 21: Final revision of Plan 1 due (upload to Taskstream - scan first draft with my comments and upload, also upload your revision - 2 documents), Due Written case summary, problem list for Treatment Plan 2

Class 5: Dec 5 Treatment Plan 2 due, Theoretical Orientation Draft Summary Due

Dec 12-16 Treatment plan 2 returned to you for revision if needed, with Incomplete grade request form

January 9: Treatment plan 2 final revision due

Third plan TBD on individual student basis
LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY: Late assignments will lose 5% per week they are late. This applies to all of the above expectations.

Grading: Final course grade is made up of total points earned, with a minimum requirement of 80% or above on the final treatment plan. Total points are calculated to determine final grade. However, the final (2nd or 3rd treatment plan) must demonstrate competence for a passing grade in the course.

Points

Treatment Plan Scoring Each plan: 25 pts summary, 25 points conceptualization, 25 pts problem/goal statements 25 pts treatment plan, 25 points conceptualization/treatment plan link, 25 points bibliography)

Final Treatment Plan (2nd or 3rd): 150

Theoretical Orientation Summary 10

Total Points: 160

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
F= 79% or below

Students are expected to complete work at an acceptable level of performance to demonstrate competence to perform the tasks required in a treatment setting.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LEARNING COMMUNITY

Students are required to attend and actively participate in all scheduled class meetings. This includes being on time, being prepared, following through on group projects, and otherwise engaging with colleagues as fellow professionals. Becoming a counselor/therapist involves looking closely at ourselves, our values, beliefs, and biases. This can be a very personal, and sometimes emotional, process. Treating colleagues with respect, listening deeply to their experiences, and being open to diverse world views encourages a collaborative milieu of care in which we can all challenge ourselves and each other to critically examine and develop our skills and perspectives. In order to prepare for each class, students should carefully read and study all assigned materials to be ready to discuss and apply the content of readings. Class discussion and interaction with colleagues are fundamental to the process of learning to be a therapist and all sessions include necessary information. Therefore, if you must miss a class, fellow students and the instructor may ask you to contribute to learning community in another way. If you must be absent or late, please email the instructor at least several hours prior to class.

Students with Disabilities

The Student Support Services Office, located in the Templeton Student Center, is a resource for students with disabilities. A variety of services are available through this office according to the particular needs
of each student. Students interested in such services may contact Student Support Services at 503-768-7191. This contact is the necessary first step for receiving appropriate accommodations and support services. Please inform me if you need accommodations in class.

**Schedule and Readings** are posted in Moodle, please check weekly. Be prepared each week!

Schedule and Topics

October 10: Introduction: Gathering, Organizing and Presenting Client data, Conducting Intake Interviews- Ecological and Biopsychosocial models

October 24: Defining problems and setting treatment goals

November 7: Case conceptualization and choosing treatments

November 21: Writing treatment plans, creating measurable goals without losing sight of your conceptualization

December 5: Discovering and defining your theoretical orientation