

**Lewis & Clark College**  
**Professional Mental Health Counseling & Professional Mental Health Counseling – Specialization in Addictions**  
**MHC 534**  
**Child and Family Counseling**  
**Syllabus Cover Sheet**

Required Objectives:

Professional Counseling Identity (CACREP 2016 Standards)

3a. theories of individual and family development across the lifespan

5b. a systems approach to conceptualizing clients

5g. essential interviewing, counseling, and case conceptualization skills

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

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

**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.**

Clinical skill		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 1 of 5							
Students develop therapeutic communications skills emphasize the client-counselor relationship with individuals and families	Early Program	Student demonstrates high level of skill in family role play Grade: 90-100%	Student demonstrates adequate skill in family role play Grade: 80-89%	Family session/role play is rudimentary/emerging Grade: 70-80%	Student fails to complete assignment	MHC 534 or CPSY 504 Grade in Course and Family session/role play	First year portfolio/advisor review; referral to Benchmark Review Committee Note: Family session/role play is a group assignment and should not be the only assignment considered in evaluation

Methods of Instruction for this Course

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

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Course Dates: May 8th – July 31st  
Tuesdays 1:00pm - 4:30pm  
Class Location: York Center Rm 107  
3 credit class

### Required Reading

Gehart, D. (2014). *Mastering competencies in family therapy: A practical approach to theory and clinical case documentation*. Belmont, CA: Brooks/ Cole.

Donaldson-Pressman, S., & Pressman, Robert M. (1997). *The Narcissistic family : Diagnosis and treatment* (1st pbk. ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

### Suggested reading

Fossum, M. & Mason, M. (1986). *Facing Shame: Families in recovery*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company.

Richardson, R. (2011.) *Family ties that bind: A self-help guide to change through family of origin therapy* (4<sup>th</sup> ed.). Bellingham, WA: Self-Counsel.

### Course Description

An introduction to theoretical systems and practical approaches to working with children and families in various counseling settings. Ethical principles, self-awareness, personal counseling style and honoring of diversity will be examined through textbook reading, class discussions, reflective assignments, as well as various classroom activities to assist students in beginning work with children and families. Students will practice counseling skills related to working with children and families and will develop awareness and intentionality in conceptualization of child and family clients.

### CPSY Department Attendance Policy

Class attendance and participation is a critical factor to your success in the course. As you develop your professional identity as a counselor, I encourage you to subsume professional behaviors such as timeliness, attentiveness and engagement in the class. You are adult learners, making professional and personal decisions. I encourage you to be involved in this course participating to the best of your ability, use effective communication skills, and directly express your ideas, needs, desires, conflicts, and/or relevant learning.

We will have initial and ongoing discussions around acceptable class norms, breaks, etc. I appreciate your honest input and continued engagement in this process.

Class attendance is expected and required. It is important to note that although you will be expected to make up missed course content, any missed class time will lower your ability to earn full professional participation points and potentially jeopardize your ability to complete the requirements for this course.

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), 3.0 hours for a 30 hour class (2 credits), or 1.5 hours for a 15 hour class (1 credit). In case of extreme hardship and also at the discretion of the instructor, a grade of incomplete may be given for an assignment or the entire course. In such cases, the work to be submitted in order to remove the incomplete must be documented appropriately and stated deadlines met.

### Students with Disabilities Policy

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### Course Requirements and Evaluation Requirements

Assignment	Points Possible	Due Date
Attendance, class participation, required readings, etc.	15	
Genogram	15	<b>June 12</b>
Family Reflection Paper	30	<b>July 10</b>
Family Role Play	20	
Group Presentation	20	
<b>Total Points Possible</b>	<b>100</b>	

#### Grading Scale:

93 – 100 = A	77 – 79 = C+
90 – 92 = A-	73 – 76 = C
87 – 89 = B+	70 – 72 = C-
83 – 86 = B	69 and below = F
80 – 82 = B-	

Late work: 2 points per day late will be deducted from your total score of the assignment. Late work will not be accepted after 7 days.

All papers are to use APA for overall formatting of paper, referencing/citing sources and reference section. Please include title page for all papers being turned in.

**1. Attendance, class participation, videos, and required readings:**

Your grade will be determined by class attendance, watching required videos, participation and demonstration of having read the required materials. Please come to class prepared, having read the required chapters and watched the videos before class begins. Come prepared to class with questions and a readiness to participate in discussions and class activities.

The content of this course will often be taught in an experiential manner. Therefore, class attendance and active participation is critical to the mastering of course material. In cases of emergency or illness, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor prior the beginning of the missed class. It is the also responsibility of the student to obtain any missed material, class notes, handouts, etc. Points for attendance and participation will be awarded at the discretion of the instructor and is based on the level of engagement from the student.

*If the class is not engaged in discussion quizzes will be given weekly to earn the required points.*

**2. Genogram- DUE June 12:**

Construct a genogram going back at least **three generations**. If married or partnered include your spouse/partner's family history of three generations as well, including any children you may have also. Genograms are to be either hand drawn or computer generated, if bigger than 12 x 12 needs to be able to be rolled up. Items to included in genogram (but not limited to): communication patterns, substance abuse/addiction, physical/emotional/verbal/sexual abuse, family secrets, family rules, religion, triangles, relationship dynamics, career choices, education level, and mental illness. Genograms will be discussed more in depth during class along with a rubric for your grade. Be creative!

**3. Family reflection paper- DUE July 10:**

Family reflection paper is to be **15-20 pages** in length and is to include the following:

- a. Timeline- list sequentially a timeline of significant events in your life thus far. (Does not count toward pages.)
- b. Your Story- a narrative version of your timeline. You may be discriminating and/or general in what you write as this is meant to be helpful and meaningful to you and your growth as a therapist. I will be the only reader of your paper and it will be returned to you after grading. (This should only be a third of your paper, 5-6 pages.)
- c. Reflection of your story- **Reflect on your timeline, story, and genogram**. (This should be the bulk of your paper, 10-14 pages). Use at least 3 sources and properly site using APA. Include the following subsections in your reflection:
  - i. Family life cycle: How was your family impacted by your family life cycle, what do you notice, where are you now, etc.
  - ii. Family Dynamics: Discuss your understanding of your family rules, myths, triangles, coalitions, communication patterns, etc. Use concepts and ideas from your textbook, *The Narcissistic Family*, *Facing Shame* and *Family Ties that Bind*.
  - iii. Self as therapist: Impact or influence your story has on your work as a therapist, areas to focus in your own therapy, etc.

Your grade will be based on graduate level writing, proper citations, self-awareness, and a demonstration of thorough thought and understanding of material and how it applies to your story and your future work as a therapist.

#### 4. Family role play:

You will be required to participate in family role plays as therapist, observer and family members. Your grade will be determined by actively and professionally participating in roles assigned, demonstration of basic counseling skills, demonstration and understanding of family dynamics, family counseling skills and a verbal discussion of reflection. You will participate in 5 role plays with the same family, plus a bigger family role play and several couples role plays.

In the last two weeks of class, you will participate in a small group discussion with the instructor to reflect on your process of participating in the role plays. Please spend time thinking and reflecting on the following questions, examining your role as therapist, family member, couple and observer.

- Examine and reflect on your strengths.
- Examine and reflect on areas to strengthen.
- What surprised you about the process?
- What seemed difficult for you?
- How will you use this experience in the future?
- Have your thoughts, confidence, and/or consideration of being a family or couples therapist changed after this experience?

#### 5. Group presentations- sign up for date:

The class will be divided into groups of four members, each group will focus on one family theory discussed in class. Your group will watch a movie (or show) that highlights family dynamics then make a presentation to the class. **All movies must be approved by the instructor.** Presentations will be 50 minutes and to include the following:

- a. Description of the family: gender, age, occupation, communication patterns, family rules, attachment styles, where they are in the family life cycle, etc. Include a genogram.
- b. Presenting problem
- c. History of mental health services
- d. Medical history
- e. Treatment plan: describe course of treatment according to your assigned family theory.
- f. Roadblocks and barriers: discuss possible roadblocks and barriers for family treatment and describe how each would be addressed by the therapist.
- g. Ethical and legal considerations: discuss any ethical or legal considerations and describe how each would be address by the therapist.
- h. Prognosis
- i. Describe or lead the class in an intervention according to your assigned family theory.

\*\*\*Please include 3-4 short clips from the movie highlighting family dynamics. Nothing is to be turned in to the instructor. Your grade is based on the information presented in class. However, it can be helpful to include a handout for the class.

*Note about the group project: It is important for the learning process that the group works together as a consultation group. Meaning all group members are involved in each section of the project. Please do not divide this up with one group member taking a section. This is designed to be worked on together as if you were a team of therapists working with the family. The discussion of treatment, presenting problem, etc. is part of the learning process.*

## Course Schedule

Week	Date	Description	Chapter	CACREP
1	May 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction and review of course and assignments</li> <li>• Research, ethics and philosophical foundations</li> </ul>	1-3	5b.
2	May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case conceptualization and clinical assessment</li> <li>• Family Life Cycle</li> <li>• Prepare for and discuss family role play</li> </ul>	13-14	5g.
3	May 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intergenerational and Psychoanalytic Family Therapies</li> <li>• <i>Role play #1</i></li> <li>• Discuss- The Narcissistic Family</li> </ul>	7 NF 1-3	3a. 5b.
4	May 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systemic and Strategic Therapies</li> <li>• <i>Role play #2</i></li> </ul>	4	3a. 5b. 5g.
5	June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structural Family Therapy</li> <li>• <i>Role play #3</i></li> <li>• Discuss- The Narcissistic Family</li> </ul>	5 NF 4-6	3a. 5b. 5g.
6	June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiential Family Therapies</li> <li>• <i>Role play #4</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GENOGRAMS DUE</b></p>	6	3a. 5b. 5g.
7	June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive-Behavioral and Mindfulness Based Couple and Family Therapies</li> <li>• <i>Role play #5</i></li> <li>• Discuss- The Narcissistic Family</li> </ul>	8 NF 8-10	3a. 5b. 5g.
8	June 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solution-Based Therapies</li> <li>• Couples therapy intro</li> <li>• <i>Big family role play</i></li> </ul>	9	3a. 5b. 5g.
9	Jul 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative and Narrative Therapies</li> <li>• Discuss- The Narcissistic Family</li> <li>• Tree of life activity</li> </ul>	10 NF App. A-B	3a. 5b. 5g.
10	Jul 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emotionally Focused Therapy</li> <li>• <i>Couples role play</i></li> <li>• Group Presentation (1)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FAMILY REFLECTION PAPER DUE</b></p>	11-12	3a. 5b. 5g.
11	July 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentation and Tx Plans</li> <li>• Group Presentation (1)</li> <li>• <i>Couples role play</i></li> </ul>	15-17	5b. 5g.
12	Jul 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Presentations (1)</li> <li>• Multicultural and intergenerational families</li> <li>• <i>Couples role play and role play reflection</i></li> </ul>		5b. 5g.
13	Jul 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Presentations (2)</li> <li>• <i>Couples role play and role play reflection</i></li> <li>• Evaluations</li> </ul>		5b. 5g.