

PSY 603 Introduction to Counseling Skills

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Time: 5:30 - 9:30 pm

Required Text: Guindon, Mary H., **A Counseling Primer: An Introduction to the Profession**

***First Benchmark Course** - PSY 603 is the first benchmark class in which the MSCP faculty observes the actual interpersonal skills and competencies of the students. The Counseling Skills Proficiency Record is used. The minimum score to pass the course is 20 points. Below 20, the student is assigned a "C" for the course and must retake the course.*

Catalog Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of the profession of counseling and to provide systematic training in basic counseling skills. It provides an overview of the core CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs) curriculum areas, with extensive emphasis on basic counseling skills development. Additionally, internet resources, community resources, and referral agencies will be examined.

Program Linking Statement

This course develops and assesses the skills and competencies for the MSCP program core student learning outcome of Counseling Theories and Skills. In addition, this course also addresses the MSCP core program student learning outcomes of: 1) Professional Issues and Ethics; 2) Research and Evaluation; and 3) Social and Cultural Foundations.

Course Description

This course will teach the student the helping process stages with discussions of essential attending and listening skills. Students will learn counselor characteristics and behaviors that influence the helping process. The student will develop a foundation and understand the CACREP curricular standards and ethical practice. Self reflection will be an essential part of this course. Students will gain self-awareness and self-monitoring skills through dyad counseling sessions, case studies, charting, and feedback.

It is imperative that students keep all syllabi from all courses taken while in the MSCP program to facilitate the application process for licensing, certification, doctorate school application, etc.

Student Learning Outcomes

Student will demonstrate an understanding of:

1. The skills of attending, listening, and reflecting client experience through focusing the client, questioning techniques, and interpreting client report data.
2. How to conduct specific components of counseling sessions, including the introduction, establishing consent, psychosocial history, formulating homework assignments, and termination.
3. How to efficiently and succinctly document counseling sessions in a typical chart format, i.e., dap (description, assessment, and plan).
4. How to formulate a case and present a case to peers in an efficient and succinct manner.
5. How the student's own personality and interpersonal style contributes to the manner in which he/she approaches/conducts counseling sessions.
6. The ability to accept and act on feedback from others through the supervision process.
7. An understanding of social, cultural diversity and how that effects assessment and the counseling process.
8. An understanding of how research and the scientific method contributes to our ability to evaluate counseling outcomes.
9. An understanding of professional/ethical issues such as confidentiality, informed consent, duty to inform and other common issues found in counseling.
10. An understanding of counseling skills in the context of the student's specific emphasis, i.e., school, community, and marriage and family counseling.

Assessment

8 TFAC Journal @ 15 pts ea. = 130 pts

Quizzes (best 7 out of 8) @ 10 pts ea. = 70 pts

Participation @ 10 pts ea. = 100 pts

Research paper = 100 pts

Counseling Skills Proficiency record 36 (minimum score of 20 to pass and will not be included in your final grade)

Grading

A = 400-385

B = 384-380

Scientific Method Definitions

The **METHODS OF SCIENCE** are only tools, tools that we use to obtain knowledge about phenomena.

The **SCIENTIFIC METHOD** is a set of assumptions and rules about collecting and evaluating data. The explicitly stated assumptions and rules enable a standard, systematic

method of investigation that is designed to reduce bias as much as possible. Central to the scientific method is the collection of data, which allows investigators to put their ideas to an empirical test, outside of or apart from their personal biases. In essence, stripped of all its glamour, scientific inquiry is nothing more **THAN A WAY OF LIMITING FALSE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT NATURAL EVENTS.**

Knowledge of which the credibility of a profession is based must be objective and verifiable (testable) rather than subjective and untestable.

SCIENCE is a mode of controlled inquiry to develop an objective, effective, and credible way of knowing.

The assumptions one makes regarding the basic qualities of human nature (that is, cognitive, affective, behavioral, and physiological processes) affect how one conceptualizes human behavior.

The two basic functions of scientific approach are 1) advance knowledge, to make discoveries, and to learn facts in order to improve some aspect of the world, and 2) to establish relations among events, develop theories, and this helps professionals to make predictions of future events.

Research Design And Counseling
Heppner, Kivlighan, and Wampold

A **THEORY** is a large body of interconnected propositions about how some portion of the world operates; a **HYPOTHESIS** is a smaller body of propositions. **HYPOTHESES** are smaller versions of theories. Some are derived or born from theories. Others begin as researchers' hunches and develop into theories.

The **PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE** decrees we can only falsify, not verify (prove), theories because we can never be sure that any given theory provides the best explanation for a set of observations.

Research Method In Social Relations
Kidder

THEORIES are not themselves directly proved or disproved by research. Even **HYPOTHESES** cannot be proved or disproved directly. Rather, research may either support or fail to support a particular hypothesis derived from a theory.

Scientific research has four general goals: (1) to describe behavior, (2) to predict behavior, (3) to determine the causes of behavior, and (4) to understand or explain behavior.

Methods In Behavioral Research;

Cozby

In order to verify the reliability and validity of scientific research it is important to replicate the results. It is the preponderance of evidence that establishes/supports the theory.

<http://allpsych.com/researchmethods/replication.html>

Attendance

If you miss more than one class, you will be given a “C” and you must retake the class. If you are unable to attend class it will be your responsibility to inform your instructor and dyad partner prior to class by phone or email. More than 2 tardy will justify a 10% deduction in participation points.

Students with Disabilities

Chaminade will provide assistance for any student with documented disabilities. Any student who believes he/she may need accommodations in this class must contact **Dr. June Yasuhara, 735-4845**, at the Counseling Center (office next to Security) in order to determine if the student meets the requirements for documented disability in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is important to contact them as soon as possible so that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

Marianist Educational Values

Chaminade University is a Catholic, Marianist University. The five characteristics of a Marianist education are:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith

Catholic Universities affirm an intricate relationship between reason and faith. As important as discursive and logical formulations and critical thinking are, they are not able to capture all that can be and ought to be learned. Intellectual rigor coupled with respectful humility provides a more profound preparation for both career and life. Intellectual rigor characterizes the pursuit of all that can be learned. Respectful humility reminds people of faith that they need to learn from those who are of other faiths and cultures, as well as from those who may have no religious faith at all.

2. Provide an Excellent Education

In the Marianist approach to education, “excellence” includes the whole person, not just the technician or rhetorician. Marianist universities educate whole persons, developing their physical, psychological, intellectual, moral, spiritual and social qualities. Faculty and students attend to fundamental moral attitudes, develop their personal talents and acquire skills that will help them learn all their lives. The Marianist approach to education links theory and practice, liberal and professional education. Our age has been deeply shaped by science and technology. Most recently, information and educational technologies have changed the way faculty and students research and teach. At Marianist Universities, two goals are pursued simultaneously: an appropriate use of information technology for learning, and the enhancement of interaction between students and teachers. As Catholic, Marianist Universities seek to embrace diverse peoples and understand diverse cultures, convinced that ultimately, when such people come together, one of the highest purposes of education is realized: a human community that respects

every individual within it.

3. Educate in Family Spirit

Known for their strong sense of community, Marianists have traditionally spoken of this sense as “family spirit.” Marianist educational experience fosters the development of a community characterized by a sense of family spirit that accepts each person with loving respect, and draws everyone in the university into the challenge of community building. Family spirit also enables Marianist universities to challenge their students, faculty and staff to excellence and maturity, because the acceptance and love of a community gives its members the courage to risk failure and the joy of sharing success.

4. Educate for Service, Justice, and Peace

The Marianist approach to higher education is deeply committed to the common good. The intellectual life itself is undertaken as a form of service in the interest of justice and peace, and the university curriculum is designed to connect the classroom with the wider world. In addition, Marianist universities extend a special concern for the poor and marginalized and promote the dignity, rights and responsibilities of all people.

5. Educate for Adaptation to Change

In the midst of rapid social and technological change, Marianist universities readily adapt and change their methods and structures so that the wisdom of their educational philosophy and spirituality may be transmitted even more fully. “New times call for new methods,” Father Chaminade often repeated. The Marianist university faces the future confidently, on the one hand knowing that it draws on a rich educational philosophy, and on the other fully aware for that philosophy to remain vibrant in changing times, adaptations need to be made.

Selected from *Characteristics of Marianist Universities: A Resource Paper*, Published in 1999 by Chaminade University of Honolulu, St. Mary’s University and University of Dayton

Each of these characteristics is integrated, to varying degrees, in this course.

Tentative Course Schedule

Date	TOPIC	READING/ASSIGNMENT
1/9/12	Introduction to class Journal writing TFAC chart Self awareness exercise DYAD schedule Research paper	Ch. 1: Guidon
1/16/12	Ch. 9 review Basic attending skills Quiz 1 DYAD sessions Self Awareness #1	Ch. 9 ; Guidon TFAC #1 due

1/23/12	SA exercise 3 Ch. 10 review; Responding skills Quiz 2 DYAD sessions	Ch. 10: Guidon TFAC # 2 due
1/30/12	SA exercise 4 Ch. 11 review Questioning skills Quiz 3 DYAD sessions	Ch. 11; Guidon TFAC # 3 due
2/6/12	SA exercise 5 Ch. 12 review Affect/Understanding skills Quiz 4 Mid Term Evaluation	Ch. 12; Guidon TFAC # 4 due
2/13/12	Video Ch. 13 review Responding to thoughts and behaviors Quiz 5 DYAD sessions	Ch. 13; Guidon TFAC # 5 due
2/20/12	Video Ch. 7 review Processes, phases, procedures Quiz 6 DYAD sessions	Ch. 7; Guidon TFAC #6 due
2/27/12	Ch 2 Review Counselor/Clients Quiz 7 DYAD	Ch. 2 ;Guidon TFAC 7 due Research Paper due
3/5/12	Ch. 6 review Settings and Surroundings	Ch. 6; Guidon TFAC #8 due

Quiz 8
DYAD

3/12/12

Ch. 4 review
Ethics
Social and Cultural Diversity
Video
Closure

Ch. 4; Guidon