COURSE SYLLABUS

DIVISION: Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations

PROGRAM AREA: Rehabilitation Counseling & Community Inclusion Program

COURSE NUMBER: RCI 7110

CALL NUMBER: 24447

COURSE TITLE: Techniques of Rehabilitation Counseling

COURSE CREDIT: 3 Credit Hours

SEMESTER: Winter 2016

COURSE LOCATION: 117 STATE HALL

TIME: Friday: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Or by Appointment

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PROGRAM SECRETARY: Lei Juan Stewart-Walker (313) 577-1613

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will present effective approaches and a variety of techniques of intervention with individuals with psychological, physical, cognitive disabilities. The focus will be on models and approaches that have been empirically shown to enhance well-being and quality of life in this unique population. Techniques and the process of counseling and psychotherapy including: facilitative relationships, case conceptualization, goal setting, intervention, and outcome evaluation will be explored. Development of counseling and psychotherapeutic skills to
facilitate growth or change with respect to psychological, vocational, and social concerns through self-advocacy, cognitive, affective, and behavioral interventions will be thought through analysis and practice using simulated counseling experiences.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

Students will become familiar with the central tenets and techniques of several major counseling and psychotherapeutic approaches to people with disabilities and others experiencing a variety of psychological and emotional disturbances. The emphasis will be on learning to address mental health issues related to trauma and life experiences. A range of techniques will be taught within the context of an understanding of the theory, rationale, and implication of each technique. Thus, students will gain specific, pragmatic knowledge of the treatment of adolescents and adults with disabilities experiencing emotional.

The objectives for this course are to develop the knowledge and skills requisite for comprehensive case analysis, clinical intervention, and psychotherapeutic approaches including the following:

1. **Counseling Skills**
   a. Basic Relationship and Counseling Skills
   b. Diagnostic Interviewing
   c. Problem Specification
   d. Case Conceptualization
   e. Goal Setting
   f. Intervention Planning
   g. Progress/Outcome Evaluation

2. Develop awareness of issues related to the application of theory and techniques of counseling clients from culturally diverse backgrounds.

3. Develop awareness and skills related to the application of theory and techniques of counseling clients with physical, cognitive, and psychiatric related disabilities.

4. Ways of understanding and perceiving others.

5. Develop skills required to complete a comprehensive case conceptualization.

6. Understanding the dynamics of resistance, along with the importance of respecting and reframing resistance.

7. Understanding the dynamics of transference and countertransference as it pertains to client growth and development.

8. Understanding the role of the past, present and future as it pertains to counseling clients.

9. Understand evidence-based treatments and basic strategies for evaluating counseling outcomes in rehabilitation and clinical mental health counseling.

10. Develop skills in postmodern approaches to counseling, including solution-focused,
narrative, and motivational interviewing.

11. To increase students' knowledge of the interpretation and application of the legal requirements and ethical codes related to the practice of counseling.

CORE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

C.5.3 Counseling skills and techniques development:
   C.5.3.a. Develop and maintain confidential counseling relationships with individuals with a disability using established skills and techniques.
   C.5.3.b. Establish, in collaboration with the consumer, individual counseling goals and objectives.
   C.5.3.c. Apply basic counseling and interviewing skills.
   C.5.3.d. Employ consultation skills with, and on behalf of, the consumer.

REQUIRED TEXTS:


Supplemental:


ASSIGNMENTS:

A. READINGS

Readings assigned in the Course Schedule should be completed as indicated. Students should be prepared to summarize, discuss, and/or react to all readings.

B. SKILL COMPETENCE (Performance)

Students must demonstrate competence in the various skills and stages of counseling from intake through termination. Skill competency assessment will be based primarily on observation and
tapes. Each student's performance will be graded by the instructor during the Counseling Process dyads. Activities will include those in class and ongoing counseling triads conducted in the counseling laboratory. Specific assignments are:

**DYAD ROLES**

a. **Observer Role**
   Each student must observe a Counseling Process Triad session weekly and complete a written Basic Skill Observation form for each as listed on rotation schedule.

b. **Counselor Role**
   Each counselor must complete an Interview Summary Form for each Skill Practice and Counseling Process dyad session conducted as the counselor.

c. **Client Role**
   Each student must present a concern appropriate for Counseling Process Triads. Criteria to be applied include genuineness and willingness to disclose and work on the issue presented. Role-playing is discouraged. Cooperation is expected.

1. **SKILL PRACTICE TRIADS**

   a. As counselor, students must complete an Interview Summary Form for each Skill Practice Dyad session conducted.

   b. As observers, students must complete the following forms for each Skill Practice Dyad session observed:

      - Skill Practice Dyad Session #1 - Disclosure Statement Practice Activity Form
      - Skill Practice Dyad Sessions #2 - Basic Skill Observation Form

   c. As clients, students must present an appropriate issue.

2. **SKILL PROCESS TRIADS**

   Basic roles and paperwork documentation are the same in the Practice Triads. As counselors, you are to demonstrate all stages of the counseling process in accordance with the model provided.

   For each session:
   - **Counselor completes:** Interview Summaries
   - **Observer completes:** Basic Skills Observation Form

3. **TAPE SCRIPTS - COUNSELOR RESPONSES**
The actual counselor/client dialog on the tape segment used for tape script assignment will be evaluated as an element of the skill grade.

C. CONCEPTUAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Dyad Report/ Treatment Plan

   Counseling Process Dyad Report

   Typewritten report must include the following steps of the process:
   1. Develop rapport
   2. Explore areas of concern
   3. Select a tentative area of concern for counseling
   4. Monitor/assess problem related behavior
   5. Formulate goals and treatment strategies.

   DUE: April 4, 2016

2. Tape Script Analyses: (model provided)

   a. Tape Script Analysis #1

   Typewritten tape script analyses of 5 minutes of skill practice triad session #3 (use outline provided). The evaluation format requires labeling and rating counselor statements, analysis of counselor behavior and the generation of appropriate alternative counselor responses. Points will be awarded based on basic skill performance (Counselor Response) and knowledge of the counseling process (Counselor Analysis).

   DUE: February 29, 2016

   b. Tape Script Analysis #2

   Typewritten tape script analyses of 5 minutes of counseling process triad session #7 (use form provided). The evaluation format requires analysis of counselor behavior and the generation of appropriate alternative counselor responses. Points will be awarded based on beginning basic skill performance (Tape Script-Counselor Response) and knowledge of the counseling process (Counselor Analysis).

   DUE: April 4, 2016

3. Examination

   A final exam covering material from lectures and texts will be given.

   April 25, 2016
EVALUATION & GRADING:

**Attendance/Participation:**
- Attendance at all class sessions 10 points

**Laboratory Experience:**
- Being an Observer (10 scheduled sessions) 10 points
- Being a Client (10 scheduled sessions) 10 points
- Being a Counselor (10 scheduled sessions) 10 points

**Skill Competency:**
- Instructors Evaluation of Skills 100 points
- Tape Script #1 (Counselor Response) 20 points
- Tape Script #2 (Counselor Response) 40 points

**Conceptual Knowledge:**
- Tape Script #1 (Counselor Analysis) 40 points
- Tape Script #2 (Counselor Analysis) 80 points
- Counseling Process Dyad Report 80 points

**Examination**
100 points

Total 500 points

**GRADING SCALE:**

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**CLASS POLICIES:**

1. Class and laboratory attendance are mandatory. Please contact instructor if as a result of an emergency you are unable to be present. Missing any class without permission from the instructor will result in a loss of a letter grade. Missing three classes will result in failure of this course.

2. Each student must complete 9 of the 10 sessions to earn any laboratory experience points. Only in extreme, unforeseeable circumstances will make-up sessions be allowed for counselors.
3. Participation, involvement and commitment are necessary.

4. Professional ethics and conduct (i.e., confidentiality, etc.) are necessary and required.

5. All papers (excluding weekly interview summaries and observation forms) must be typed and comply with current APA standards for publication.

6. All papers should reflect graduate level content and preparation. Careless preparation and/or inappropriate presentation will adversely affect grade for the assignment.

7. Assignments are to be completed on time. If an assignment due date cannot be met as a result of an emergency, it must be discussed and agreed to by instructor before the due date. Extension may, if granted, result in loss of points for grading.

8. Incomplete grades are only allowed for the most extenuating and unforeseeable circumstances.

**CELL PHONES AND PAGERS**

The inappropriate use of these devices can be quite disturbing. Either turn these devices off or set to “ring” silently. In addition, during counseling practice sessions, cell phone use is prohibited.

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

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Case Conceptualization
(Understanding the Client’s Concerns)

02/01 6:00 - 7:15PM  Developing a Therapeutic Relationship  Chs. 5 & 6
- Rapport and Trust Building
- Problem Identification
- Goal Setting and Treatment Planning
- Attitudes and Characteristics of the Effective Clinician

Foundational Skills
- Nonverbal Behavior
- Silence and Pause Time

7:30 - 9:00PM  COUNSELING PROCESS TRIAD #1
- Practice Disclosure Skills
- Practice Foundational Skills
- Personal Reflection Period/ Supervision

02/08 6:00 – 7:15PM  Foundational Skills
- Listening, Paraphrasing, and Empathy
- Reflection Skills
- Self-Disclosure, Offering Alternatives
- Confrontation
- Information Giving

7:30 – 9:00PM  COUNSELING PROCESS TRIAD #2
- Continuation of Foundational Skills
- Rapport Skills Building
- Personal Reflection Period/ Supervision

02/15 6:00 – 7:15PM  Psychotherapeutic Skill Building  Chs. 8 & 9
- Affirmation Giving
- Encouragement, Modeling
- Information and Advice Giving

7:30 - 9:00PM  COUNSELING PROCESS TRIAD #3
- Develop Therapeutic Relationship
- Rapport Skills Building
- Opening Skills and Goal Development
- Personal Reflection Period

02/22 6:00 – 7:15PM  Continuation of Psychotherapeutic Skill Building  Chs. 10 & 11
7:30 – 9:00PM COUNSELING PROCESS TRIAD #4
- Continuation of Therapeutic Relationship
- Personal Reflection Period

02/29 6:00 – 7:15PM Narrative Techniques
- Techniques
- Strategies
Motivational Techniques
- Techniques
- Identifying Problems
- Working with Resistance

TAPE SCRIPT ANALYSIS #1 DUE
(Use counseling process triad #3)

7:30 – 9:00PM COUNSELING PROCESS TRIAD #5
- Continuation of Therapeutic Relationship
- Personal Reflection Period

03/07 7:00 – 9:00PM COUNSELING PROCESS TRIAD #6
- Continuation of Therapeutic Relationship
- Personal Reflection Period

03/14 SPRING BREAK

03/21 7:00 – 9:00PM COUNSELING PROCESS TRIADS #7
- Continuation of Therapeutic Relationship
- Personal Reflection

03/28 7:00 – 9:00PM COUNSELING PROCESS TRIADS #8
- Continuation of Therapy
- Managing Client Crises
- Monitoring and Documenting Change
- Personal Reflection Period

04/04 6:00 – 7:00PM Foundations of Strength Centered Psychotherapy
- Principles
- Steps

COUNSELING PROCESS DYAD REPORT DUE

TAPE SCRIPT ANALYSIS #2 DUE
(Use counseling process triad #7)

7:15 – 9:00PM COUNSELING PROCESS TRIADS #9
- Continuation of Therapy
- Managing Client Crises
- Monitoring and Documenting Change
- Personal Reflection Period

04/11  7:00 -9:00PM  COUNSELING PROCESS TRIAD #10
- Ending Therapeutic Relationships
- Personal Reflection Period

04/18  FINAL SUPERVISION
       COURSE EVALUATION
       COURSE SUMMARY

04/25  6:00 – 7:30PM  FINAL EXAM
ATTENTION STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services (SDS) for coordination of your academic accommodations. The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the Student Academic Success Services department. SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 or 313-577-3365 (TDD only). Once you have your accommodations in place, I will be glad to meet with you privately during my office hours to discuss your special needs. Student Disability Services’ mission is to assist the university in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experience at Wayne State University.

Please be aware that a delay in getting SDS accommodation letters for the current semester may hinder the availability or facilitation of those accommodations in a timely manner. Therefore, it is in your best interest to get your accommodation letters as early in the semester as possible.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
All students are expected to attend class, be punctual, and remain in class until the day’s work is completed. It is also expected as a part of attendance that students will appear attentive to the instructor and respectful of other students, and will not talk, read material other than the textbook, or engage in other activities that interfere with the course while the class is meeting.

If the instructor begins to note problems with attendance or behaviour that interferes with the teaching process, this will be noted and the student will be made aware of the problem. At that point the instructor will begin to document the student’s attendance and disruptive behaviour and if further problems are noted the student’s grade will be lowered by one letter.
STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONALISM

“The College of Education requires students to be effective counselors, to behave in an ethical manner at all times (see the statement on Ethical Dimensions of Counseling in the Rehabilitation Counseling Handbook as well as the Practicum and Internship Handbook). Your behavior must be appropriate at all times. Active participation in all class activities and discussion is expected. Come to class with ideas, agreements or disagreements on the reading assignments. We expect you to question our ideas and those of your peers. Professional dress, behavior, and language are required at all times. Please put all electronic devices on vibrate or turn off during class and when in your assigned school.

The Student Code of Conduct can be viewed at:

http://www.doso.wayne.edu/codeofconduct.pdf

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT/ETHICAL VIOLATIONS

All acts of dishonesty (plagiarism, copying, etc.) in any work for any course will constitute academic misconduct. In this regard, the Academic Regulations Policy noted in the College of Education Graduate Programs and University Graduate Programs Catalogue will be followed in the event of any acts of academic misconduct. In addition, students need to be aware that the professor has at his or her discretion the right to reduce a student’s grade for that class, assign a failing grade, or report the student to the Dean of the College of Education, which could result in removal from the program.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using others’ ideas and words without clearly acknowledging the source of that information. Whenever you incorporate other people ideas or writings into your own writing, it is extremely important to give credit to those individuals by referencing their names.

Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic integrity. To prevent plagiarizing someone else’s work, credit for words and ideas must always be given both in text and in the reference pages. Quotation marks are used to
indicate another person’s exact words. Paraphrasing is summarizing a passage or taking the ideas of the sentences and constructing a new sentence in your own words. The original sentence must be substantially altered for it to be your work and citing the source is still necessary because you took the idea from another source. *Plagiarism is academic misconduct and may result, at minimum, in a failing grade on the assignment or in the course. Further disciplinary action may result per university policy.*

*How can students avoid plagiarism?*

To avoid plagiarism, you must give credit whenever you use

- another person’s idea, opinion, or theory;
- any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings—any pieces of information—that are not common knowledge;
- quotation of another person’s actual spoken or written words;
- or paraphrase of another person’s spoken or written words.

*Strategies for Avoiding Plagiarism*

1. Put in quotations everything that comes directly from the text especially when taking notes.
2. Paraphrase, but be sure you are not just rearranging or replacing a few words.
3. Check your paraphrase against the original text to be sure you have not accidentally used the same phrases or words, and that the information is accurate.

*(The section on plagiarism is produced by the Writing Tutorial Services, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN)*

The College of Education’s grade appeal policy is available at:


**RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES POLICY**

Because of the extraordinary variety of religious affiliations represented in the University student body and staff, the Wayne State University calendar makes no provision for religious holidays. It is University policy, however, to respect the faith and religious obligations of the individual. Students who find that their classes or examinations involve conflicts with their religious observances are expected to notify their instructors well in advance so that alternative arrangements as suitable as possible may be worked out.
NOTE: The National Rehabilitation Association provides guidelines to use when writing or speaking about persons with disabilities. Please try to incorporate these suggestions into your written and spoken communication.

1) Avoid using adjectives as nouns, such as in: "the disabled", "the deaf", "the blind", the "handicapped", etc. It is more acceptable to say, "People who are deaf", or "persons with disabilities".

2) Where possible emphasize the importance of the individual rather than the disability by saying "person" or "individual" before describing the disability. For example, say, "Persons with disabilities" or "people with learning disabilities", rather than "learning disabled people".

3) Avoid using descriptors such as "unfortunate", "pitiful", "poor", and other such value laden words. When possible, use descriptors, which emphasize person abilities, such as: "uses a wheelchair or braces" rather than "confined to a wheelchair", since wheelchair enables mobility; without it, the person is confined to bed.

4) Do not sensationalize the onset or effects of a disability with phrases such as: "afflicted with" or "suffering from". It is more acceptable, and accurate to say, "the person has or had____________", "the person has experienced____________", or a person with__________.

5) Avoid implying sickness when discussing disabling conditions. To the general public, "disease" has connotations of being unsightly and contagious. A disability itself is not a disease, nor is the person with the disability necessarily chronically ill.