

Syllabus
HRE 315 Group Counseling
3 Credit Hours

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Course Description: The study of group counseling theory and practices.

Required Text:

Groups: A Counseling Specialty, 5/E

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There will be a variety of handouts available throughout the class sessions.

Course Format: A variety of learning activities including participation in a group process will be utilized during this course to provide students with the ability to acquire needed skills in the area of ethics and the helping professions.

Course Objectives:

- Develop understanding of group counseling theory.
- Develop self-awareness of personal biases, attitudes, and values as they pertain to facilitating group work.
- Review research that will enhance understanding of group counseling.
- Develop an understanding of as to how diversity can impact a group.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to attend every class session including any rescheduled classes..
Class attendance is an important part of your learning experience.

Teaching Methods: Lecture, discussion, participation in group activities, handouts, assigned readings, exams, individual presentations, videos and other methods will be used.

Academic Honesty: Students are expected to observe ethical principles at all times.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

Fraud--copying, misrepresentation, fictionalized account, and unauthorized collaborations.

Plagiarism--word for word, lifting and quilting, and quoting without a source. Cheating, defined as any act of fraud or plagiarism discussed above, will result in severe penalties. The first time a student is caught cheating, a score of zero will be issued for that assignment or test. If a second offense occurs in the same course, the student will be dropped from the course with a failing grade.

Evaluation Process:

Grades will be calculated based upon the percent of points earned out of the total possible points. The following percentages will apply. A+=100-98 B+=89-87 C+=79-77

A =97-94 B = 86-84 C = 76-74

A-=93-90 B-= 83-80 C-=73-70

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 400 points

The midterm exam will be valued at a total maximum of 100 points.

The final exam will be valued at a total maximum of 100 points.

Each class member will lead a group experience or co-lead a group experience. Leading the group will require the leader to prepare a specific topic for discussion and to use the guidelines provided by the instructor. A total maximum of 100 points will be provided. Scoring guidelines will include: ability to guide the group interaction, the type of questioning that was utilized, the topic provided, etc.

The paper will be valued at up to 100 points. A 6 page paper (minimum) that describes *group activities activities within the community and connects them with concepts/designs introduced by the instructor such as leadership style, et c.. This paper will be based upon at least two observations of group activities in the community.* APA guidelines should be followed in the paper organization format.

In addition, each class member will be required to present an oral report to the class as to the dynamics of group observed.

Please note:

I reserve the right to make adjustments to evaluation techniques.

***Please Note:*

-- Papers and/or projects that are submitted late will be reduced a letter grade.

Assignment Schedule: (may be adjusted due to textbook updating)

Adjustments to assignments may be made contingent upon class performance

Week 4 is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th,

Week 5 is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Week 1	Class expectations defined Appendix A, B, C Ethics, Chp 1 & 2	Group Experience defined
Week 2	Chp, 3, 4, 5	Group
Week 3	Chp, 6, 7, 8	Group
Week 4	Chp. 9, 10, 11 Midterm	Group

Week 5	Chp 12, 13, 14	Group
Week 6	Chp. 15, 16, 17	Group
Week 7	Chp. 18, 19	Group
Week 8	Final	Paper Summary Presented Paper due

In the event of bad weather, the instructor will email or call the student regarding rescheduling or adjusting assignments.

Website of interest:

<http://www.groupsinc.org/group/consumersguide2000.html>