

Lewis and Clark College  
Graduate School of Education and Counseling  
Department of Counseling Psychology

Motivational Interviewing  
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**Required Texts/Readings:**

Miller, W.R. & Rollnick, S. (2012). *Motivational Interviewing, Helping People Change* (3<sup>rd</sup>. ed.). New York, NY: Guildford Press.

**Optional Readings:**

Arkowitz, A., Miller, W.R. & Rollnick, S. (2014). *Motivational Interviewing in the Treatment of Psychological Problems*. New York, NY: Guildford Press.

Miller, W.R. (2014). *Motivational Interviewing Therapy Manual: A Clinical Research Guide for Therapists Treating Alcohol Abuse and Dependence*. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Can be retrieved online:  
<http://www.motivationalinterviewing.org/sites/default/files/MATCH.pdf>

**Additional Information:**

Visit the Motivational Interviewing website at <http://www.motivationalinterviewing.org> for a variety of additional articles, resources, videos and training activities.

**Moodle:**

Other readings are available on Moodle, the Lewis & Clark online course program. Log on to [moodle.lclark.edu](http://moodle.lclark.edu) (note there is no www.), sign in using your L & C login (same as email). Use course enrollment code provided in class or by email. If you have ANY trouble with Moodle, contact the Helpdesk at 503-768-7225, [consult@lclark.edu](mailto:consult@lclark.edu) or Maia Penchansky [maiap@lclark.edu](mailto:maiap@lclark.edu) or 503 – 768-6195.

**Ethical Guidelines:**

Students will abide by all ethical principles as indicated in the ACA Ethical Guidelines.

**Catalog Description:**

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a client-centered method for enhancing intrinsic motivation to change. This course is designed to introduce the basic principles behind MI and to help students begin to learn and practice skills and strategies for using MI in a variety of clinical settings. Course material will be delivered through a series of short lectures, small and large group class discussions and experiential exercises.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Students will be able to describe the theory and principles of MI as an approach to empower clients to work towards desired behavior change.
2. Students will gain a working knowledge of addressing client ambivalence as it related to impeding behavior change.
3. Students will gain a minimum of 5-10 skills and strategies for immediately implementing MI techniques into professional practice.

**Assignment Details and Grading:**

1. Attendance

Class attendance is expected and required. Failure to attend the first day of the course will result in an automatic withdrawal. As this is only a 1-credit course, students are required to attend both full days of the course unless previous arrangements have been made with the instructor. Completing extra assignments to cover any missed class time is at the discretion of the instructor. Students are expected to be on time to class and tardiness may be seen as an absence that requires make-up work.

2. Participation

Well-prepared students make for the best class discussions! Learning the course material is dependent upon student participation in small and large group discussions, small groups activities and experiential exercises. Participation in all class activities is expected and required.

3. Role Plays (in class)

Throughout both class days, you will be participating in MI role-plays that allow you to practice your MI skills. Dyadic and triadic groups will allow you to practice the various roles of counselor, client and coach/observer. You will gain experience in all three roles to facilitate a deeper level of understanding of the mechanisms of MI from all different perspectives.

*Total points: 25 points*

4. Group Vignettes Activities (in class)

Throughout both class days, you will work in small groups to practice applying MI theory, including placement in the stages of change model, to a variety of case examples and vignettes.

*Total points: 25 points*

5. Coding MI Encounters (in class)

Students will practice coding MI encounters both through short video clips of client sessions and through observation of small group practice. Learning how to identify specific MI skills through coding and critically analyzing MI encounters will increase students ability to engage in and incorporate MI skills into their own practice.

*Total points: 25 points*

6. Chose Your Own Adventure: An MI Learning Opportunity!

How do you learn best? What is most helpful for you? For this final assignment, you are given the opportunity to get creative and develop your own assignment to demonstrate your engagement with the MI material. Here are some ideas to get you going, though you do NOT have to take one of these. Feel free to come up with your own idea!

- Does getting direct feedback on your mastery of MI skills work for you?
- Do you prefer to write and reflect on either your own or a client's progress in making behavior change from an MI perspective?
- How about a visual creative project of a time line of change?
- Perhaps develop a brief (10 minute max) training module of how you would teach MI in a clinical or educational environment?
- Maybe use a character from a movie or TV show, show a brief clip, and explain your approach to working with this character from an MI perspective?
- Anything!

Each student will be given approximately 5-10 minutes the last half of our second class meeting to present their project. The only requirement is that you take up your allotted assignment time to share your assignment with the entire class and that you have some type of visual. This could be a video clip, a poster, a handout, a PowerPoint or Prezi slide(s), etc.

**Please note that if you decide to do something like a video tapped role-play of MI, do NOT use a past or current client. Please use a friend, family member or fellow classmate.**

*Total points: 25 points*

*Due date: To be presented in class on 11/4/16*

**Grading Summary:**

Role Plays	25
Group Vignettes	25
Coding MI Encounters	25
Choose Your Own Adventure!	25
<b>Total Possible Points</b>	<b>100</b>

**Grading:** This course is graded in accordance with the grading policy of the Graduate School of

Education and Counseling, available for viewing in the Navigator Student Handbook ([http://www.lclark.edu/graduate/student\\_life/handbook/registration\\_policies/index.php#system](http://www.lclark.edu/graduate/student_life/handbook/registration_policies/index.php#system)) and is the point equivalent of that grading scale (A = 4.0 A- = 3.7 B+ = 3.3 B = 3.0 B- = 2.7 C+ = 2.3 C = 2.0 C- = 1.7 D+ = 1.3 D = 1.0 F = 0.0).

Thus, grades for the course are determined by the following percentages:

A = 94-100 A- = 90-93 B+ = 87-89

B = 84-86 B- = 80-83 C+ = 77-79

C = 74-76 C- = 70-73

F = Below

**ASSIGNMENTS TURNED IN LATE WILL HAVE 5 POINTS A DAY SUBTRACTED FROM THE TOTAL SCORE**

Below 80%: As graduate students, you are expected to do the work as assigned and described. If you are unable to complete the work at an acceptable level of performance you will be asked to complete the work again or to complete alternative tasks. A grade of B or above is considered acceptable performance for the 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.

**Weekly Course Schedule**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Readings</b>	<b>Assignments Due</b>
1	-Introduction -Stages of Change -What is M.I? -Spirit of M.I. -Phases of M.I. -M.I. Tools and Techniques -O.A.R.S. -Intro to M.I. Coding	10/28/16	<i>M &amp; R: Ch. 1 - 19</i>	None.
2	-M.I. Tools and Techniques practice -M.I. applications to diverse behavioral issues. -Class presentations	11/4/16	<i>M &amp; R: Ch. 20 - 28</i>	<i>Choose Your Own Adventure! Assignment presentations.</i>