

Lewis & Clark College
Professional Mental Health Counseling & Professional Mental Health
Counseling – Specialization in Addictions, MHC 582/583, Mental Health
Internship
Syllabus Cover Sheet

Required Objectives:

Professional Counseling Identity (CACREP 2016 Standards)

- 1e. advocacy processes needed to address institutional and social barriers that impede access, equity, and success for clients.
- 1i. ethical standards of professional counseling organizations and credentialing bodies, and applications of ethical and legal considerations in professional counseling
- 1l. self-care strategies appropriate to the counselor role
- 2h. strategies for identifying and eliminating barriers, prejudices, and processes of intentional and unintentional oppression and discrimination.
- 3c. theories of normal and abnormal personality development
- 3d. theories and etiology of addictions and addictive behaviors
- 3e. biological, neurological, and physiological factors that affect human development, functioning, and behavior
- 5b. a systems approach to conceptualizing clients
- 5c. theories, models, and strategies for understanding and practicing consultation
- 5f. counselor characteristics and behaviors that influence the counseling process
- 5g. essential interviewing and counseling skills
- 5k. strategies to promote client understanding of and access to a variety of community based resources
- 5l. suicide prevention models and strategies
- 5m. crisis intervention, trauma-informed, and community-based strategies, such as Psychological First Aid
- 7b. methods of effectively preparing for and conducting initial assessment meetings
- 7c. procedures for assessing risk of aggression or danger to others, self-inflicted harm, or suicide
- 7d. procedures for identifying trauma and abuse and for reporting abuse
- 7e. use of assessments for diagnostic and intervention planning purposes

7m. ethical and culturally relevant strategies for selecting, administering, and interpreting assessment and test results

8b. identification of evidence-based counseling practices

8d. development of outcome measures for counseling programs

8i. analysis and use of data in counseling

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

C2a. roles and settings of clinical mental health counselors.

C2e. potential for substance use disorders to mimic and/or co-occur with a variety of neurological, medical, and psychological disorders

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

C2m. record keeping, third party reimbursement, and other practice and management issues in clinical mental health counseling

C3a. intake interview, mental status evaluation, biopsychosocial history, mental health history, and psychological assessment for treatment planning and caseload management

C3b. techniques and interventions for prevention and treatment of a broad range of mental health issues

C3c. strategies for interfacing with the legal system regarding court-referred clients

C3d. strategies for interfacing with integrated behavioral health care professionals

C3e. strategies to advocate for persons with mental health issues

Methods of Instruction for this Course

Instruction Method	Mark All That Apply
Lecture	
Small Group Discussion	x
Large Group Discussion	x
Course Readings	X
Group Presentation	
Individual Presentation	X
DVD/Video Presentation	X
Supervised Small Group Work	
Individual/Triadic Supervision	X
Group Supervision	X
Case Study	X
Debate	
Class Visitor / Guest Lecturer	

Off-Campus / Field Visit	
Other: Students will also be working with real clients at their internship sites.	

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.

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 2 of 6 Human Development							
Demonstrates an understanding of individual and family development	Internship	Highly skilled at identifying the impact individual and family development has on the therapeutic process.:Score: 3	Understands the impact of a person's individual and family development on the therapeutic process: Score 2	Is aware of the impact of a person's individual and family development on the therapeutic process Score: 1	Is unable to apply developmental theory with clients Score:0	Internship Evaluation Item 52	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 3 of 6							
Understands and applies diagnosis	Internship	Uses DSM to diagnose clients, integrates into treatment plan, does not rely only on diagnosis for treatment plan Score:3	Uses DSM to diagnose clients, integrates into treatment plan Score: 2	Unable to diagnose clients, inappropriately applies diagnosis Score: 1	Inappropriately uses diagnosis to pathologize client problems or fails to use diagnosis when needed Score: 0	Internship evaluation Item 35	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 4 of 6							
Understands and applies interventions	Internship	Skillfully implements a range of interventions with adults Score:3	Consistently implements a range of interventions with adults Score:2 as relev.	Begins to implement a range of interventions with adults Score: 1	Fails to implement a range of interventions with adults Score: 0	Internship Evaluation 37, adult 84, child/adol 85, family	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 5 of 6							
Able to gather client data, conceptualize and develop a treatment plan	Internship	Demonstrates high skill at completing intakes and treatment plans consistent with site expectations Score 3 on all	Completes intakes and treatment plans consistent with site expectations Score 2 on both	Fails to complete intakes and treatment plans consistent with site expectations		Internship evaluation items 31,34,38	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 6 of 6							
Students develop treatment plans and interventions consistent with their own theoretical orientation, a critical evaluation of the literature, client mental health needs and goals in counseling, diagnosis, and best practices in the profession.	Internship	Develops well integrated treatment plans that meet client mental health needs, diagnosis, and goals in counseling that is consistent with student theoretical orientation, evaluation of the literature, and best practices in the profession. Score: 3	Develops treatment plans that meet client mental health needs, diagnosis and goals in counseling. Consistency with theoretical orientation, evaluation of the literature and best practices in the profession adequate. Score: 2	Develops treatment plans that meet client needs, but inadequately address other areas. Score :1	Does not develop tx plans or develops tx plans that focus on one aspect of client and or one intervention Score: 0	Internship Case Presentation AND Internship Evaluation Item 40	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Clinical skill		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 1 of 5							

Goal 2 of 5							
Demonstrates ability to explore how personal experiences, thoughts, and feelings impact counseling with clients.	Internship	Demonstrates awareness of self, emotional stability, impact of self in the therapeutic relationship, dealing with countertransference, and an understanding of need for lifelong learning Score 3	Demonstrates self awareness and emotional stability. Immerging use of self in therapeutic process, uses supervision to continue growth. Score 2	Demonstrates self awareness and emotional stability. Immerging use of self in therapeutic process, uses supervision to continue growth Score 1	Student demonstrates lack of self awareness that impedes learning or client care. Score 0	Internship Evaluation Item 48B	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 3 of 5							
Maintains self care	Internship year	Demonstrates ability to maintain personal wellness to optimize professional competence. Recognizes and proactively addresses early signs of burnout.	Demonstrates ability to perform adequate self care to enhance personal wellness and ability to attend to professional responsibilities. Recognizes signs of burnout before client care is impacted. Score 2 on both	Begins to use self care plan, learns to adapt plan when needed, and seeks supervision and personal therapy as needed. Score 1 on one or more	Engages in inadequate self care that impedes learning ability or client care. Score 0 on one or more	Internship Evaluation Items 14, 24 AND MHC 591: Self care plan	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 4 of 5							
Demonstrates awareness of competence and limitations	Internship	Demonstrates clear awareness of competence and limitations, goes above and beyond to seek opportunities for learning	Demonstrates clear awareness of competence and limitations, uses multiple channels to learn/grow (e.g. supervisor, literature search, colleague feedback.	Is under confident or inconsistent in awareness of limitations, unsure when to seek	Overestimates competence does not recognize limitations	Internship Evaluation Item 25	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

		using multiple channels		supervision			
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Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 5 of 5							
PQE Critical Items: Openness to supervision	Internship	Develops clear supervisory working alliance with faculty, supervisors and peers. Able to determine when/how to express opinions differing from supervisor and to work toward resolution. Score 3 on both	Seeks supervision from faculty, supervisors and peers. Utilizes supervision to grow and develop. Score 2 on both	Same as above Score 1 on one or more	Same as above Score 0 on more or more	Internship Evaluation Items 6,27	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Multicultural Competence		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 1 of 4							
Students develop awareness of the effect of power, privilege, and difference and their own cultural attitudes, beliefs,	Internship	Addresses impact of therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs on relationship and therapeutic process with client either directly with client or in tx planning as appropriate Score 3 on both	Understands how therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs may impact relationship and therapeutic process with client, begins to develop strategies to address impact Score 2 on both	Understands how therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs may impact relationship and therapeutic process with client with supervisor assistance. Score 1 on one or more	Fails to recognize how therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs impact relationship and therapeutic process with client, and impedes client care. Score 0 on both	Internship Evaluation Item 15,58	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Multicultural Competence		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 2 of 4							
PQE Critical items: Responsibility Item 5 Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in dialogue with people who carry or hold other perspectives in ways that show respect for the other persons and other points of view. Integrity Items 3,4,5 Respect for others	Internship		Score of 2 on most	Score of 1 On most	Score of 0 On most	Internship Evaluation: Dispositions 4, 10, 11	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC
Multicultural Competence		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 3 of 4							
Students recognize limitations of theory and research to apply to all people and demonstrates awareness of need to adapt to individual client worldview, culture and social location	Internship	Recognizes client worldview, social locations, and culture and the impact on client problems, and adapts treatment accordingly. Score 3 on both	Recognizes client worldview, social locations, and culture and the impact on client problems and adapts treatment with supervisor assistance Score 2 on both	Recognizes , with supervisor assistance, client worldview, social locations, culture and the impact on client problems Score 1 on one or more	Fails to acknowledge client worldview, social locations, culture and the impact on client problems Score 0 on one or more	Internship evaluation Items 16,60	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC
Multicultural Competence		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 4 of 4							
Learns strategies for working with gender and gender spectrum issues, diverse populations, ethnic and other non-dominant groups.	Internship	Score 3	Score 2	Score 1	Score 0	Internship Evaluation Item 61	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Professional Identity		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 4 of 6							
Demonstrates ability to complete a career assessment and give feedback to client in role play	Internship year	Provides career evaluation and includes career development in tx plans as regular part of planning	Addresses career issues with clients at intake, includes in tx plan as needed	Fails to consider career in tx planning		Internship Evaluation Item 39	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Professional Identity		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 5 of 6							
Demonstrates Understanding of roles & functions of mental health counselors	Internship					Internship Evaluation	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Ethical Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Review and Remediation
Goal 1 of 1							
Understands, and follows ethical standards	Internship	Demonstrates a strong understanding and commitment to ethical standards, recognizes ethical issues independently, demonstrates ability to recognize and remediates ethical errors with supervisor consultation. Score 3 on all	Demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to ethical standards, recognizes ethical issues independently, recognizes and remediates errors with supervisor assistance. Score 2 on all	Demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to ethical standards, begins to recognize ethical issues with supervision, may make ethical errors without awareness. Score 1 on one or more	Does not demonstrate an understanding of ACA Code of Ethics, or does not recognize practical applications. Attempts to hide mistakes or lacks openness to supervision. Score 0 on any	Internship Evaluation 1,9,28,29,30	Internship instructor review. Referral to ARC.

Research and Assessment		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Review and Remediation
Goal 5 of 7							
Develops and Utilizes measureable outcomes with clients supported by research literature	Internship	Develops measureable outcomes/goals, supported by the literature and within the therapists theoretical orientation	Develops measureable outcomes/goals supported by literature.	Outcomes/goals are not measureable and/or are not supported by literature	Unable to develop a tx plan	Internship Case Presentation	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Research and Assessment		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Review and Remediation
Goal 6 of 7							
Students demonstrate an	Internship Year	Score 3	Score 2	Score 1		Internship Evaluation:	Internship Instructor

understanding of assessment and evaluation in mental health counseling						Item 36	Review/Referral to BRC or ARC
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Research and Assessment		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Review and Remediation
Goal 7 of 7							
Students understand social and cultural factors related to assessment and ethical strategies for using assessment in mental health counseling.	Internship	Score 3	Score 2	Score 1		Internship Evaluation; Item 36	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC



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REQUIRED TEXTS

American Counseling Association (2014). *ACA code of ethics*. Alexandria, VA.

American Psychiatric Association (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (5th ed.)*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychiatric Publications.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class provides clinical supervision and education for intern counselors working with adults and/or children in their supervised community experience. The class will emphasize developing and applying a repertoire of concepts and strategies for case conceptualization, treatment planning, intervention strategies and skills, and ethical conduct in working with clients presenting a wide variety of individual and relationship issues.

Catalogue Description: Internship in a community setting. Participants engage in counseling and related professional activities under supervision. Students write reports, prepare case histories, and submit work samples for supervisory review.

CTSP DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class attendance is expected and required. Any missed class time will be made up by completing extra assignments designed by the instructor. Missing more than ten percent of class time (i.e., 1.5 hours for a 15 hour class; 1 credit) may result in failure to complete the class. 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 are expected to be on time to class and tardiness may be seen as an absence that requires make-up work.

DISABILITY SERVICES STATEMENT

If you have a disability that may impact your academic performance, you may request accommodations by submitting documentation to the Student Support Services Office in the Albany Quadrangle (503-768-7192). After you have submitted documentation and filled out paperwork there for the current semester requesting accommodations, staff in that office will notify me of the accommodations for which you are eligible.

CONFIDENTIALITY AND ETHICS

Much of our class discussion and most of the written work you do for this class will contain information about clients. All such private information falls within our shared responsibility for maintaining its confidentiality of our clients. Guidelines for fulfilling our responsibilities in this regard include the following:

- Written materials referring to clients should either refer to them by their initials or a by a pseudonym. If the materials are copied and contain the client's name, the name should be blocked out with a black felt tip pen.
- Video recordings of client counseling sessions should be kept secure (via Ironkey or within the Panopto system) and should be erased when they have been viewed.
- Classroom doors will be closed when we are discussing cases or viewing videos of actual clients.
- Written materials you turn in for review must follow confidentiality guidelines.
- Additionally, what we discuss in the classroom stays in the classroom and should not be subject of discussion outside of this course except for with your supervisor where applicable.

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED READINGS

Additional articles, chapters, and other materials will be used during the course. These materials will be made available electronically or via hard copy handout(s) throughout the semester.

Readings (All copies can be found on Moodle):

Each week there may be both electronic readings due. Please read the materials ahead of the class and come prepared to discuss them.

Recommended Readings:

On Moodle there are also suggested readings and additional resources. They are marked as additional materials and are not required for the course.

CASE PRESENTATION REQUIREMENT

Structure of Presentations

- Before talking about the client, present a brief overview of your theoretical orientation and your therapeutic relationship up to this point, such as how many sessions you have seen the client for, obstacles/successes in the relationship, etc. Our feedback will be, in part, designed to help you to find a better fit between your theory and your work with clients (about 10 minutes)
- After completing the theoretical orientation presentation and before presenting the client, clearly communicate to the class the reason you chose this client

and the type of feedback you hope to receive. Say what you hope will be different for you after the presentation.

- Handout of presentation **MUST INCLUDE ALL CATEGORIES LISTED BELOW.**
- Review/present written case emphasizing theoretical conceptualization (15 minutes)
- Class discussion and feedback 20-40 min

Handouts

Handout must include ALL of following sections/areas. List EACH category as noted below, and if the category is non-applicable, state this under the category. **DO NOT OMIT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

- **Consultation Goals:** What you want from the class in relation to feedback, advice, knowledge, etc. Communicate the reason you chose this client and what you hope will be different after your presentation.
- **Demographics:** Demographic data/Cultural considerations
- **Risk Related Concerns:** Suicidality, homicidality, abuse, interpersonal abuse, self-injurious behaviors, etc. Note if a safety plan has been completed.
- **Presenting Concern(s):** Chief complaint/presenting problem/concerns/issues
- **History of Concern(s):** History of the present illness
- **Family and Relational Data:** Family relationships, issues, influences, and relevant history
- **Psychiatric/Medical Data:** Medical/RX history for client and family
- **Substance Use, Abuse, Dependence History:** Client and Family
- **Cognitive/Affective/Behavioral/Physical Status:** Mini Mental Status Exam, how the client presents in session
- **Client strengths/weaknesses**
- **Diagnostic Impressions:** DSM-5 diagnosis and brief explanation
- **Current Treatment Plan:** Treatment plan identifies concerns, goals, and objectives
- **Transference/Counter-transference concerns**
- **Ethical Issues or Concerns:**

EVALUATION

Overview

Methods of Evaluation:

- Sharing current experiences in your internship to sound out with peers
- Participation in discussion and feedback to client/site/supervision issues of peers
- One comprehensive written case conceptualizations and presentation over the semester (video preferred, not required but optional)
- Documentation of work completed
- Site supervisor's evaluation of performance
- Conversations I may have with your site during site visits
- Satisfactory performance on the Professional Qualities Evaluation Form

Requirements for credit:

Complete a minimum of 240 hours of supervised direct counseling/client contact with individuals, couples, families and groups combined over 2 semesters at assigned internship sites, other hours to total 600 over 2 semesters.

- Complete one written case presentation/extended check-in)
- Submit **weekly** documentation of supervision [CARE note] session to faculty supervisor during class. Submit to Moodle
- Satisfactory evaluations from on-site supervisor and on-campus instructor/supervisor. This includes satisfactory responses to ethical dilemmas and challenges.
- Attendance and active participation in on-campus intern supervision class for two full semesters. If you miss a class you must attend another section the following week.
- Demonstration of ability to accept and respond responsibly to both site and campus supervision.
- Demonstration of ability to work collaboratively with colleagues at the internship site and on campus.

NOTE: This is a credit/no credit course for two semesters. Your credit for both semesters will be deferred until you have completed all requirements for the internship after the second semester. This includes completion and documentation of all hourly requirements for client contact and supervision, satisfactory evaluation by your supervisor for both semesters, your evaluation of the internship site, and class requirements listed above.