

Counseling & Psychotherapy with Children, Adolescents, & Families

PSYC – 537A

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Course Description (3 credit hours)

This course is designed to provide the student with skills and competencies in providing psychotherapeutic services to individual children and adolescents. A variety of empirically-supported psychotherapeutic theories and techniques will be discussed. In addition, the student will learn how to appropriately apply these skills in both school and clinic settings.

Required Texts

1. Glasser, W. (1999). *Choice Theory: A New Psychology of Personal Freedom*. Perennial
2. O'Hanlon, B. (2000). *Do One Thing Different*. Perennial.
3. Beck, J. (2011). *Cognitive Therapy: Basics and Beyond, 2nd Edition*. Guilford Press.
4. Other selected readings as assigned.

Classroom Format

Class time will be spent on lecture as well as discussions of the assigned material. In addition, class time will also be spent role-playing therapeutic techniques and viewing student video tapes. The course schedule below lists dates and assigned readings. Since much of the time will be spent in discussion, it is critical that students read assigned material before class so that all students will be able to participate in the learning process. Additionally, students will be expected to maintain a single therapy case to be assigned by their practicum supervisor. Students will meet with their practicum supervisor for supervision of this case.

Learning Objectives

1. To gain an understanding of the various emotional, behavioral, psychological, social, and interpersonal problems that children and adolescents may encounter.
2. To understand the ethical and legal issues involved in providing psychotherapeutic services, including issues of confidentiality.
3. To learn how these problems, both within the individual as well as contextual variables, may be inter-related and to be able to choose the best psychotherapeutic intervention based on the given concern.
4. To become familiar with the accepted and empirically-supported psychotherapeutic theories and techniques available to practitioners and gain some experience applying these techniques through role play or a practicum case.
5. To understand how behavior, affect, and cognition are impacted by normal developmental processes.

6. To understand basic principles of behavior change within the behavioral, social, affective, and adaptive domains.
7. To understand how a child's diversity broadly defined can impact the conceptualization of a child's problem or the efficacy of intervention.
8. To understand the explicit link between assessment and intervention. As such, students will learn what psychotherapeutic model or techniques are most appropriate based on various assessment information.

Grading

Students' grades will be determined by the following:

Psychotherapy Case Report– 100 points total

Final Exam – 120 points

Therapy Case Presentation – 80 points

Class and Role Play Participation – 30 points

Case Study Conceptualization & Treatment – 60 points (30 points each)

Quizzes – 30 points (10 points each)

Final grades are as follows:

A 388 +

B 356 - 387

C 324 - 355

F below 324

Course Requirements

Therapy Case Presentation – Students will give a presentation regarding the therapy case that they have been involved in during the semester. The presentation should cover 1) appropriate background information (brief) 2) conceptualization of the child's problem 3) goal(s) for therapy 4) primary method of intervention chosen 5) discussion of critical "turning points" in therapy ("turning points" does not mean that point at which the child was suddenly "fixed", these "turning points" can be a point when the therapeutic relationship was cemented, when a minor change in the child's point of view took place, etc.). Presentations should last approximately 15-20 minutes (time will be strictly monitored). A power point presentation and handouts for the class (without identifying information) are required. Presentations will be graded on 1) Content (clarity, depth, and breadth) 2) Level of interpretation 3) Quality of handouts and presentation and 4) Presentation style.

Psychotherapy Case Report (including Therapy Report Forms & Log) – Therapy report forms are to be completed after each therapy session that the student engages in. Students will also keep a log of each contact they make with the child, supervisor, and parent. Students will maintain their report forms together in a binder and bring them to each supervision session. Failure to complete a therapy report form on time will result in a 10 point deduction for each occurrence. Students are expected to make at least 12 therapy sessions with the child, at least 6 supervisor sessions, and at least 6 parent contacts. Fewer than these minimums will result in a 10 point deduction for each contact less than required. Exceptions may be made at the instructor's discretion. A written report on the student's therapy case will also be completed. The format of the report is somewhat flexible and sample reports

will be distributed to guide you. The report will be graded on thoroughness, clarity, and spelling/grammar.

Class and Role Play Participation – Class participation is a large part of the student's grade in this course because of its importance on the entire class experience. Students will also be frequently asked to participate in role-playing exercises during class, which are designed to illustrate various psychological theories and their psychotherapeutic techniques. Students are not expected to mimic 100% "correct" technique during role-plays, but are expected to put forth sincere effort.

Case Study Conceptualization & Treatment– Students will receive a written case study on the first day that a theory is being presented for solution oriented and cognitive therapy. For the case study, students will be required to 1) describe the conceptualization of the child's problem (what is its origin – see pp. 44-45 of Beck (2011)) from the point of view of that particular theory and 2) describe a typical course of treatment using a variety of techniques from the model. The report should be 4-6 pages long (double-spaced), due dates are included in the course schedule. Students should include sample dialogue to describe treatment techniques. The assignment will be graded on student's accurate and coherent conceptualization of the case study as well as the appropriateness of the treatment techniques described based on the theory assigned. Students SHOULD NOT waste time merely summarizing information given in the case study when describing their conceptualization of the client.

Quizzes – Students will be administered a quiz on the first day that a theoretical orientation is presented for Reality therapy, Solution-Oriented therapy, and Cognitive therapy. There will be no quiz for behavioral therapy. Each quiz will be worth 10 points and may consist of true/false, short answer, or multiple choice items.

Final Exam – The final exam will consist of short answer and essay items covering content that we discussed in class as well as in the readings throughout the semester.

Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Readings / Due dates for assignments
8/19	Introduction to psychotherapy with children and adolescents. Psychotherapy and the nature of change. Ethical and legal issues.	
8/26	Counseling micro skills. Setting goals for therapy and assessing progress. Multicultural issues in therapy. Sign up for psychotherapy presentation dates.	Chpt.1 - 3 (Prout & Brown) Readings to be sent via email
9/2	Reality therapy	Glasser Chpts 1 – 4. Chpts 9 & 10 (optional)
9/9	Brief, solution-oriented therapies. (No in person class, view recorded lecture)	Chpts. 1-3 (O’Hanlon)
9/16	Brief, solution-oriented therapies cont. (No in person class, view recorded lecture)	Chpts 4-7 (O’Hanlon)
9/23	Brief, solution-oriented therapies cont. (No in person class, view recorded lecture)	
9/30	Cognitive therapy	Hupp, Reitman, & Jewell Chapter Chpts. 1-3 (Beck) S.O. case study due
10/7	Cognitive therapy cont.	Chpts. 5, 6, 7, 8 (Beck)
10/14	Cognitive therapy cont.	Chpts. 9 & 10(Beck) 5 session COG manual (Jewell & Malone, 2009)
10/21	Cognitive therapy cont.	Chpts. 11 & 12 (Beck)
10/28	Cognitive therapy cont.	Chpts. 13, 14, 15 (Beck)
11/4	Cognitive therapy cont.	Cog Therapy case study due
11/11	Behavioral therapy (Relaxation Skills Training)	Jewell & Elliff, 2013 RSVP Program
11/18	Terminating therapy.	Chapter 8 (Brems)
Thanksgiving break		
12/2	Therapy Case Presentations.	
12/9	Finish Therapy Case Presentations & final exam	Final Exam

Additional Requirements/Information

Perfect class attendance is expected. Any student needing to be absent due to an emergency should contact the instructor as soon as possible regarding the absence. More than one absence may result in the student's removal from the class.

Students will engage in approximately one hour of therapy per week with a client to be assigned by the student's practicum supervisor. It is hoped that students will be able to engage in at least 10-12 therapy sessions with one child or adolescent. While students are not responsible for missing therapy due to the client's absence, they are responsible for their own attendance at the school to assure therapy takes place weekly. Related to this, students will attend supervision meetings with their practicum supervisor. Failure to meet this requirement may result in a lowered grade in the course or removal from the course.

Statement on Disabilities

Students needing accommodations because of medical diagnosis or major life impairment will need to register with **Accessible Campus Community & Equitable Student Support (ACCESS)** and complete an intake process before accommodations will be given. Students who believe they have a diagnosis but do not have documentation should contact ACCESS for assistance and/or appropriate referral. The ACCESS office is located in the Student Success Center, Room 1270. You can also reach the office by e-mail at myaccess@siue.edu or by calling 618.650.3726. For more information on policies, procedures, or necessary forms, please visit the ACCESS website at www.siue.edu/access.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY POLICY ON INCOMPLETE GRADES AND WITHDRAWAL

All withdrawals must be completed by the end of the 13th week of classes during fall and spring, and by a similarly late date (i.e., before 82% of class meetings have occurred) in any summer term. Grades that apply to students who initiate a withdrawal and grades that apply when a student fails to officially withdraw within established deadlines are determined by university policy (see <http://www.siue.edu/policies/1j1.shtml>). The granting of a grade of I (Incomplete) is not automatic. It is available only in cases when a student has completed most of the work required for a class but is prevented by a medical or similar emergency from completing a small portion of the coursework before the deadline for grade submission. An I must be approved by the instructor with appropriate documentation provided by the student. If an instructor agrees to give a student an I, the instructor will fill out a Memorandum of Incomplete Grade to be kept with the student's records. If the work is not completed by the time specified on the Memorandum, the student's grade will be changed from I to F.

Statement on Plagiarism

Plagiarism includes presenting someone else's words without quotation marks (even if you cite the source), presenting someone else's ideas without citing that source, or presenting one's own previous work as though it were new. When paraphrasing from another source or your own work, at the very least, the student should change the wording, sentence syntax, and order of ideas presented in the paper. Additionally, you should not submit a paper, or parts of a paper, written to fulfill the requirements of one class for the requirements in another class without prior approval of the current instructor and appropriate citation. Ideally, the student will integrate ideas from multiple sources while providing critical commentary on the topic in a way that clearly identifies whether words and ideas are those of the student or are from another source. Plagiarism is one type of academic misconduct described in SIUE's Student Academic Code (<http://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml>). University policy states that "Normally a student who plagiarizes shall receive a grade of F in the course in which the act occurs. The offense shall also be reported to the Provost." (<http://www.siue.edu/policies/1i6.shtml>). The University policy discusses additional academic sanctions including suspension and expulsion from the University. To insure that you understand how to avoid plagiarism, we encourage you to review the information on plagiarism provided on the Department of Psychology web page at <http://www.siue.edu/education/psychology/plagiarism.shtml>.

Academic Integrity

Students are reminded that the expectations and academic standards outlined in the Student Academic Code (3C2) apply to all courses, field experiences and educational experiences at the University, regardless of modality or location. The full text of the policy can be found here: <https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml>.

Recordings of Class Content

Faculty recordings of lectures and/or other course materials are meant to facilitate student learning and to help facilitate a student catching up who has missed class due to illness or quarantine. As such, students are reminded that the recording, as well as replicating or sharing of any course content and/or course materials without the express permission of the instructor of record, is not permitted, and may be considered a violation of the University's Student Conduct Code (3C1), linked here: <https://www.siue.edu/policies/3c1.shtml>.