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Course: SCWK 1305-4330: Group Work Intervention

Class Location: G-219

Class Time: TUESDAY’s ONLY from 9:40 am - 11:40 am

Required Text:


***CERTIFICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID***:

To be certified for Federal Financial Aid for this course you must attend, participate and sign-in on the attendance sheet for at least 1 class meeting BEFORE the 12th class day! No exceptions.

Course Description:

Examination of the various stages of the group work treatment process with emphasis on roles, tasks, and potential problem areas. Topics include mechanics of group function, structure of groups, communication patterns within groups, effective group facilitation skills, and techniques used to address special population issues and needs. (3 Lec.)

Student Learning Outcome:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to distinguish between at least 8 major theories of group counseling and identify the basic types group along with the stages of the group development process.

Student Evaluation:

The student will be evaluated on the following:

✓ Their ability to facilitate a small group session in class or their ability to analyze a video clip of a small group session if taking the course online.
✓ To adequately discuss the differences or similarities of the multiple approaches to group counseling.
✓ To pass a written examination over the major theories of group counseling.
GRADING CRITERIA:

Attendance and Participation:
Attending class every week is very important, especially since we will only meet once a week. You receive points for every day you attend and participate, but can lose points for leaving early or coming profoundly late or declining to participate in discussion or the in-class activities. You should also read all the chapters by the date indicated in the course schedule below and be prepared to discuss the material in class.

Assignments:

1) Chapter Presentation: In small groups (3-4 persons), you must present a chapter from the textbook in class on a theory of group counseling (any ch. btwn. 6-16). The presentation should include a brief power point presentation illustrating the techniques and goals of the theory, followed by demonstration of theory in a role play. A rubric of how your presentations will be evaluated has been posted in the “assignments” folder on ecampus. I strongly suggest you look at it prior to giving your presentation.

Tests/Exams:

1) Mid-Term Exam: There will be mid-semester exam covering the first 5 chapters of your book. This will also include any pertinent information discussed in class or lecture material. The exam will consist of multiple choice and true or false questions. You will have 30 minutes to complete the test. The exam has been posted in ecampus and may be taken any time prior to its due date. Feel free to use the computer lab and/or library.

2) Final Exam: There will be an end-of-semester exam covering the last 9 chapters of your book. This exam will consist of 3 essay questions which will test your ability to apply the theories and/or concepts learned in the 2nd half of the course. It will be made available on ecampus 1 week prior to its due date. It may be taken anytime during that period. You may take this exam online through ecampus.

Grades and Points:

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Attendance - 30 pts (2pts per class meeting)
Chapter Presentation - 25 pts
Final Exam - 30 pts
Mid-term Exam - 15 pts

Total possible pts - 100

COURSE SCHEDULE:
Withdrawal Policy:

If you are unable to complete this course, you must withdraw through the Admissions Office by **August 2nd**. You will not be dropped if you stop coming to class. You will still receive a performance grade of “F”. You must fill out the necessary paper work to withdraw to avoid it effecting your GPA. Sometimes students drop classes when help is available that would enable them to continue. I hope you discuss your plans with me should you decide to withdraw.

Late Assignments:

Late work is normally not accepted. All assignments are due on the date indicated on the course schedule section. It is at the instructor’s discretion whether or not late work will be accepted. In the event of an emergency it is your responsibility to contact me, or the social science division (972-860-7159) to avoid penalties.

Academic Dishonesty:

Scholastic dishonestly shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by Board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion.

*Special Note* - Copying from the internet or other students constitutes plagiarism!

Six Drop Rule:

NEW! A first-time freshman student who enrolls in a Texas public institution of higher education during the fall semester of 2007 or thereafter, may drop no more than six college level credit courses unless the student demonstrates to an appropriate college official that extenuating circumstance exits.

Grade Reporting:

Grade reports are no longer mailed. Convenient access is available online or by telephone. Use your student identification number when you log in to e-Connect or call DCCCD Touch Tone Services. Web site address: [http://econnect.dcccd.edu](http://econnect.dcccd.edu). Telephone number: 972-613-1818.

Students with Learning, Mental, or Physical Disabilities:

Students requesting accommodations due to the presence of a disability must identify themselves in a timely fashion and demonstrate or document the need for accommodation through the Disability Services Office (DSO). For information regarding the rights and responsibilities of students with disabilities, contact the DSO at (972) 860-8348.

Classroom Behavior:

Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, all students are expected to be in class and prepared to begin on time. All pagers, cell phones, electronic games, radios, CD players, or other devices must be turned off when you enter the classroom. Disruption of class whether by latecomers, noisy
devices or inconsiderate behavior will not be tolerated. Repeated violations will be penalized and may result in expulsion from class.

Emergency/Inclement Weather Procedure:

In case of emergency* or inclement weather conditions, Eastfield students should listen to KEOM-FM Radio Station (88.5) as the primary media source.

In partnership with the Mesquite Independent School District, Eastfield College Administration will notify KEOM immediately after a decision is made to cancel classes on any given day of inclement weather or for emergency purposes. Students may also monitor other local radio and television stations.

The earliest an announcement may be broadcast on KEOM Radio is 6 a.m.

Students may also refer to the Eastfield College web page www.eastfieldcollege.com for the Inclement Weather announcement under the News area of the front page. The announcement will be posted immediately following the decision to close the college.

*Emergencies may include power or air conditioning outages, fires, etc.

Repeatability Issue:

Pending legislative action and DCCCD Board approval, effective for Fall Semester 2005, the Dallas County Community Colleges will charge a higher tuition rate to students registering the third or subsequent time for a course. All third and subsequent attempts of the majority of credit and Continuing Education/Workforce Training courses will result in higher tuition to be charged. Developmental Studies and some other courses will not be charged a higher tuition rate. Third attempts include courses taken at any of the Dallas County Community Colleges since the Fall 2002 semester. For complete information and updates, go to: http://www.dcccd.edu/ThirdCourseAttempt/.

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974):

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the College may release information classified as "directory information" to the general public without the written consent of the student. Directory information includes: (1) student name, (2) student address, (3) telephone numbers, (4) date and place of birth, (5) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (6) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (7) dates of attendance, (8) educational institution most recently attended, and (9) other similar information, including major field of student and degrees and awards received. Students may protect their directory information at any time during the academic year. If no request is filed, directory information is released upon written inquiry. No telephone inquiries are acknowledged. No transcript or academic record is released without written consent from the student, except as specified by law.

* The Instructor reserves the right to revise the syllabus.