



## COUN 6997: Counseling Internship I

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CAB 319

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### Course Description

The introduction to internship experience is designed to introduce students to internship at two different sites. Students will accrue between 600 and 1000 hours of internship over the course of 3 semester. Students will serve both individuals and groups of individuals as they did during the practicum experience. Students will become more involved in the daily tasks of the clinical mental health counselor. Their individual supervision will be completed by a site supervisor; the faculty supervisor will be involved mainly in group supervision of student counselors. This a Pass/No Credit Course. 6 hours total for both 6998 & 6999 (prerequisite: COUN 5999; COUN 6001)

### Course Objectives (CACREP: III)

**Course Objectives:** Students will perform, under the supervision of an approved community counselor who has a masters degree in community counseling (counselor education program) or a closely related area and minimum of two years counseling experience in community counseling, the work roles and responsibilities of a fully employed community counselor. Upon completion of this internship course, students will demonstrate the following:

#### 1. Counseling Skills

- a. The ability to communicate to the client the nature and limits of the counseling relationship. (CACREP II.F.5.f)
- b. The ability to interview clients using direct and indirect methods of inquiry. (CACREP II.F.5.g)
- c. The ability to develop and maintain a productive counselor client relationship.
- d. The ability to use of basic counseling skills to respond to client needs. (CACREP II.F.5.j)
- e. Competence in providing leadership, developing interventions, and awareness of factors influencing group dynamics in therapeutic and non-therapeutic groups. (CACREP II.F.6.b, F.6.c, F.6.d)
- f. The ability to recognize and verbalize personal issues that may impair objectivity and negatively impact the counseling process. (CACREP II.F.2.d)
- g. The ability to recognize and respond appropriately to crisis. (CACREP II.F.5.m)
- h. The ability to use and/or create interventions, consistent with the counselor's guiding theory and/or consistent with the client's needs. (CACREP II.F.5.h; F.5.i; IV.C.1.c)
- i. Communicates in a style compatible with the communication style and developmental level of the client. (CACREP II.F.3.f)
- j. The ability to use advanced accurate empathy, proper self-disclosure and confrontation, and immediacy. (CACREP II.F.5.f)
- k. The ability to identify small increments of change. (CACREP II.F.5.i)
- l. The ability to deal with the issues related to termination (i.e., referrals, timing, and resistance). (CACREP II.F.5.)

m. The ability to apply the counseling skills referenced above to culturally diverse client populations. (CACREP II.F.2)

**2. Conceptualization and Planning Skills**

- a. The ability to systematically conceptualize human behavior and the process of change. (CACREP II.F.5.b; F.5.g; IV.C.1.c)
- b. The ability to generate appropriate counseling goals and select interventions based on a comprehensive case conceptualization. (CACREP IV.C.1.c)
- c. The ability to consider socio and political contexts when evaluating, conceptualizing, and planning interventions. (CACREP IV.3.a)
- d. The ability to use empirically supported counseling practices and/or interventions. (CACREP IV.3.b; II.F.5.j).

**3. Supervision Consulting Skills (CACREP II.F.1.m)**

- a. The ability to identify the expectations of the client and supervisor.
- b. Receptivity to individual and group supervision/feedback.
- c. The ability to appropriately receive and use feedback, both positive and negative, from clients, supervisors, and professional peers.
- d. The ability to provide facilitative feedback to others.
- e. Seeks case consultation from supervisors when needed.

**4. Evaluation Skills**

- a. The ability to develop, implement and evaluate individual and group treatment/counseling plans. (CACREP IV.C.1.c; C.3.a)
- b. The ability to modify specific interventions on the basis of effectiveness. (CACREP IV.3.b; II.F.5.j).
- c. The ability to apply the evaluation skills referenced above to culturally diverse client populations.(CACREP IV.C.2.j)

**5. Professionalism (CACREP II.F.1)**

- a. Knowledge of and identification with the role and function of a professional counselor/therapist.
- b. Demonstration of self-awareness as a professional counselor.
- c. Thorough knowledge of ethical and legal standards of professional organizations and credentialing bodies.
- d. Promotion of individual professional development both in and outside of the practicum experience.
- e. Attitudes and behaviors that place clients' welfare and well-being as the foremost priority.

## Recommended:

Cochran, J. L. & Cochran, N. H. (2006). *The heart of counseling: A guide to developing therapeutic relationships*. Ontario, Canada: Thomson Brooks/Cole.

Erford, B. T. (2010). *35 Techniques every counselor should know*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Merrill.

Halibur & Halibur (2015) *Developing Your Theoretical Orientation in Counseling and Psychotherapy*. Hoboken, NJ: Pearson.

## Student Expectations

Expectations for this class include the following:

- 1. Be Prepared:** Students are expected to come to class prepared for any discussions or activities that may occur by **reading all assigned material** and by bringing any written or electronic assignments required for class.
- 2. Be Present and On Time:** Students are expected to attend each class, be on time, and remain until the end of class. Notify the professor in advance, if possible, when it is necessary to be absent, to be late, or to leave early. Points may be deducted at the discretion of the professor for absences or tardies. Grades may also naturally suffer when students are not present for class.
- 3. Remember Due Dates:** Students are expected to complete all assignments on time. Points will be deducted for late assignments. Any extenuating circumstances must be discussed with the professor **before** the due date. How these circumstances are handled is solely at the discretion of the professor.
- 4. Submit Electronically:** All written assignments are to be submitted electronically as email attachments or within Moodle on or before the due date.
- 5. Be Respectful:** Students are expected to be respectful and sensitive to beliefs and ideas that may be different from their own. Our class is representative of the diversity that students experience when working in the field of psychology or in any field or activity outside of the classroom. **One example of that respect is to refrain from having private conversations while others are addressing the class.**
- 6. Be Electronically Respectful:** Students will refrain from using **cell phones or other electronic devices** during class time, **except** in the activity of taking notes. You may be asked to completely refrain from using electronic devices in class **or to leave class** as a result of texting, answering phone calls, browsing social media, or surfing the internet. Please **silence all phones** and keep them **out of sight** during class time; they should be kept in purses, pockets, or book bags.
- 7. APA Style:** All written work must be typed using the formatting style outlined in the manual published by the American Psychological Association (APA). You will need to purchase a current APA style manual and become familiar with the formatting procedures for font, margins, citations, references, et al. By the middle of the semester, you are expected to be able to create APA formatted documents. Grades on written work prepared

outside of class may be reduced as a result of incorrect formatting, grammar, sentence structure, and frequent typos or misspellings. **Please get help** if you are having a difficult time with writing skills.

## **DESCRIPTIONS OF ASSIGNMENTS:**

### **A. Attendance, Participation, and Professionalism**

Active class participation – Be prepared to actively participate in class discussions by applying the information learned in reading assignments and lectures. At times, topics will arise which are sensitive for class members. It is expected that ideas will be discussed and debated in a respectful manner. The successful student will be willing to consider different perspectives, to challenge her/his own assumptions, and to respect differing opinions. In addition, students are expected to attend all classes and complete out-of-class assignments in a cooperative manner. Students may expect to receive point deductions for lateness, unreported absences, lack of preparedness, and other behaviors and attitudes not conducive to their own learning and that of classmates.

### **B. Required Course Materials:**

Each student will need to obtain or secure/borrow the following:

- Recording equipment (may choose to use audio or video recorder)
- Storage device that contains only client videos and files (e.g., flash drive – videos take up a great deal of memory)
- **LOCK BOX** for client files and storage device (all confidential documentation related to clients, including storage device!)

### **C. Required Activities and Procedures:**

- **Verification of Liability Insurance** *-LC provides this*

**Minimum of 60 clock hours of Direct and Indirect Service per semester**

- **Minimum of 20 hours of Direct Service face-to-face with clients**
  - **Direct service hours doing Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, and other types of direct service**  
Individual Counseling Sessions should be **30-45 minutes** in length. A 45-minute session may count as an hour of service; however, a 30-minute session will not. Sessions with children and some adolescents will not last 45 minutes; however, the time counts toward your accumulated minutes/hours of direct service.

Students are required to have 2 to 3 **long-term clients** (5-7 sessions with each one) if the student has access to them at their site

- **Indirect Service hours (40 indirect service hours)**
  - **Completing assessments and paperwork for your clients**
  - **Observing or completing assigned tasks at your agency**
  - **Attending approved training activities** – such as an in-service training opportunity at your site or a local, regional, or national conference – must receive prior approval from your site supervisor and your faculty supervisor.

#### **D. Weekly Supervision**

1. **Individual Supervision Session** – scheduled weekly with your approved site supervisor – **at least one hour-long session per week** (each session counts as one hour of supervision). Students will be responsible for getting their supervision record signed at the end of the semester.
2. **Group supervision** – a minimum of one and one-half (1½) hours/week – this supervision will occur during scheduled class time with your faculty supervisor/instructor.

***You are required to keep a log of your supervision hours as a part of your record keeping for this class. Use the form provided in Connect.***

**E. Assignments to be Submitted:** Each student will be expected to complete and submit the following assignments for satisfactory completion of this course:

1. **Documentation:**

- a. Counseling/Community Agency Internship Hours Log
- b. Internship Information and Plans Form
- c. Internship Agreement Memo to Site Supervisor

2. **Readings Assignments:** Students are expected to incorporate class readings into classroom discussion

3. **Oral Case Conceptualization and Written Case Summary:** Internship students will present client cases in both oral and written form during the semester:

- a. Students will present an in-depth summary of an active client case. Using the Case Presentation Format outlined at the end of the syllabus, students will write a case summary (DO A CLIENT MAP) in PowerPoint. The case summary is to be turned in to the instructor at the time of the presentation (Word Format). Presentations will be approximately 30 minutes in length, which includes an oral report and relevant discussion.

***If you are unable to present your case on the agreed-upon date for any other reason other than illness or approved family emergency, you may exchange with someone else or take a 5-point deduction in score.***

4. **Reflection Journals:** Students will submit reflections about their personal-professional internship experiences. A 1-2 page entry is desirable. **Final Reflection:** Students will complete a final reflection at the end of the term to evaluate intra/interpersonal and clinical growth.

#### **E. Time/Activity Logs**

Students will keep a record of all Internship Hours describing the activities that constitute direct and indirect service. A hours log that is signed by your site supervisor and faculty supervisor will be turned in weekly. The objective of this activity is to help students be intentional with their time during internship.

#### **F. Final Evaluation**

Students will be required to turn in final evaluations from the site supervisor. Students will also be required to conduct a self-evaluation of their skills. The faculty supervisor will also submit a final evaluation of the students. Students will scan/upload these evaluations into Connect by the due date.

#### **Instructional Strategies Used In This Course:**

Lecture/seminar, supervision (individual, group, and peer), reflective journaling/narrative feedback, suggested readings, facilitated discussion, role-play/demonstration, and video counseling interview sessions.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

These two semesters are assessed based on a Pass/No Credit evaluation system. Students who demonstrate limitations that might impede future performance as a counselor, who consciously violate ethical standards, and/or are ineffective and/or harmful to clients will not receive credit for this class. The assessment process is based on the subjective assessment of the faculty and the site supervisor. Students may be given the opportunity to repeat a one-semester internship at a different site or they may be asked to leave the program. Students, upon the recommendation of the site supervisor or faculty member, may be provided with a plan of remediation before completing an additional internship semester.

#### **The LaGrange College Honor Code**

Students are expected to abide by the Honor Code, which is listed below. All assignments are to be completed by the student and in the student's own words. Students who use any source other than the text must give full credit to that source. Direct quotes, even from the text, must be shown within quotation marks and accompanied by the author and page number where the quote can be found. A reference list must be provided at the end of the student's work.

Students are encouraged to study or consult with classmates as they complete daily or weekly class preparation, but they should not share any information in the taking of an exam.

**Violations of these policies will be turned over to the Honor Council** for further action as specified in the Student Handbook:

*As a member of the student body of LaGrange College, I confirm my commitment to the ideals of civility, diversity, service, and excellence. Recognizing the significance of personal integrity in establishing these ideals within our community, I pledge that I will not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate these unethical behaviors in others. I pledge that I have neither given nor received unauthorized help on this examination or assignment, nor have I witnessed any violation of the Honor Code.*

#### **ADA**

##### **Academic Accommodations:**

**In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act, LaGrange College will provide reasonable accommodations of all medically documented disabilities. If you have a disability, please contact Brandi Cameron, Coordinator of Learning Disability Support Services at 706-880-8269. She is located in Smith Hall in room 121.**

Date		Topic/Chapter	
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>1/5</b>	Introduction to Internship, Syllabus, Forms, Case Staffing ( <b>Class on Tuesday</b> )	
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>1/8</b>	Journal Reflection	<b>Due on Connect by 11:59</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>1/11</b>	Case Conceptualization Presentations Class Via Teams	
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>1/15</b>	Journal Reflection	<b>Due on Connect by 11:59</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>1/18</b>	Case Conceptualization	
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>1/22</b>	Journal Reflection	<b>Due on Connect by 11:59</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>1/25</b>	Case Conceptualization Class Via Teams Final Reflection Due	<b>Due on Connect by 11:59</b>

*The professor reserves the right to make changes in this syllabus as is necessary during the semester, especially to the calendar of assignments. Updates will be provided to you either in class or electronically.*

## **Client Conceptualization – DO A CLIENT MAP (Seligman, 1998)**

*\*Please included as much information as possible and relevant to the specific client case\**

*\*for COUN 6997: Intro to Internship a brief case conceptualization will be used. An abridged format will be utilized for this section.*

### **Diagnosis**

What is the client's diagnosis, if your site does not diagnose – please try anyway  
Use 5 level diagnostic system.

### **Objectives of Treatment**

What is the long term goal?  
What is the two short term goals?  
What are the objectives for the short term goals?

### **Assessment**

Presenting Concern  
Demographic Characteristics  
Mental Status Information  
Cultural and Religious Background  
Family Background  
Other relevant past history and experiences  
Social Behavior  
Lifestyle  
Education and Occupation History  
Family History of Psychiatric Illness  
Has the client been administered any assessments (i.e., Beck Depression Inventory, et cetera)? (If so, please indicate which assessments or assessment outcomes if available)

### **Clinician Characteristics**

What is your style/approach to working with this client?  
What are you cognizant of when providing services?

### **Location of Treatment**

Where is treatment offered (i.e., in the home, in the office, in the community)  
How is the treatment afforded by the client?  
How often does the client attend scheduled sessions?

### **Interventions to be used**

In consideration of the objectives and clinician characteristics, what type(s) of interventions have you selected?

### **Emphasis of Treatment**

What are the themes?  
How have you adopted a counseling approach/theory to your work with the client?

### **Timing (frequency, pacing, duration)**

How often do you meet with the client?

How long are sessions?

What is the pace/format of the session?

### **Medication Needed**

Is the client prescribed medication?

What do you know about the medication?

### **Adjunct Services**

What other services does the client receive?

Are there community resources available for the client?

### **Prognosis**

Based on all of this information, what is your prognosis for the client?

Seligman, L. (1998). *Selecting Effective Treatments: A Comprehensive Guide to Treating Mental Disorders*. [Revised Ed] CA: Jossey-Bass.

## **Class Presentation Requirements**

1) Please prepare this information in a PowerPoint document format to share with your peers on a client that you are experiencing difficulties with. It is suggested that you do not select a client that you are having success with because the feedback provided by peers will then be less relevant and we want the presentation assignment to be the most beneficial to you as an intern.

