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Standardized Assessment Principles Spring 2015

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Course Description:

A course which studies the basic principles of standardized testing, the planning, implementation and coordination of testing programs; the use of test data in educational decision-making.

Text:

Whiston, S.C. (2013). *Principles and applications of assessment in counseling* (4th ed.). Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning.

ISBN-13: 9780840028556

Class Sessions:

Internet

Course Requirements and Grading:

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| ✓ Mid-semester and Final exams
15% each – (30%) | A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = 59 and ↓ |
| ✓ Assessment Presentation (Chapters 7-11) – 10% | |
| ✓ Blackboard and Activities – 50% | |
| ✓ Test Review – 10% | |

Total of 100%

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student will demonstrate that he/she is able to:

1. Understand basic assessment principles related to standardized assessments.

Assessments: Exams, Presentation, Blackboard Assignments, Test Review

2. Work to contribute to their understanding of the course material related to standardized assessments by completing weekly Blackboard assignments and by posting them to the Discussion Board so that class members share in their understanding and learning.

Assessments: Blackboard Assignments

3. Work and utilize resources and materials and will research an assessment related to chapters 7-11 and will ultimately submit a PowerPoint presentation covering all of the basic principles and utilization of the chosen assessment.

Assessments: Presentation

4. Take formal and informal assessments and will use the information to become familiar with such assessments, as well as to gather personal insight based on their own results.

Assessments: Blackboard Assignments, Exams

5. Conduct a test review by investigating an assessment and finding out whether it is helpful or harmful (or both), to the population it is serving and will write a paper related to their findings.

Assessments: Test Review

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
January 23	Introductions/Syllabus/Course Description, Expectations
January 29	BLACKBOARD
January 30	Chapter 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of Assessment Chapter 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ethics and Legal Issues• Privacy, results, confidentiality
February 5	BLACKBOARD
February 6	Chapter 2 (you will need a calculator) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Norm and Criterion-Referenced• Measurement Scales• Frequency Distribution• Measures of Central Tendency
February 12	BLACKBOARD
February 13	Chapter 2 (cont.) (you will need a calculator) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measures of variability• Normal Distribution• Types of scores
February 19	BLACKBOARD
February 20	Chapter 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reliability• Standard error of measurement & difference Chapter 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Validity• Item Analysis
February 26	BLACKBOARD
February 27	Chapter 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection of an Assessment Instrument• Administering Assessment Instruments Chapter 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial Assessment
March 5	BLACKBOARD
March 6	Chapter 16, Test Review Due <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technology• Future Trends Chapter 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Issues related to Special Pops

March 8/9	MIDTERM
March 12	BLACKBOARD
March 13	Chapter 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence and General Ability Testing Chapter 7 Presentations
March 16-20	Spring Break
March 26	BLACKBOARD
March 27	Chapter 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring Achievement and Aptitude Chapter 8 Presentations
April 2	BLACKBOARD
April 3	GOOD FRIDAY (Holiday)
April 9	No Blackboard Due
April 10	Chapter 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment in Career Counseling Chapter 9 Presentations
April 16	BLACKBOARD
April 17	Chapter 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appraisal of Personality Chapter 10 Presentations
April 23	BLACKBOARD
April 24	Chapter 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment in Marriage and Family Counseling Chapter 11 Presentations
April 30	BLACKBOARD
May 1	Chapter 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using Assessment in Counseling Chapter 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and Diagnosis
May 7	BLACKBOARD
May 10/11	FINAL EXAM

ASSIGNMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS

IMPORTANT:

I realize that MANY of you are not in the counseling field and the book is about Assessments in Counseling. However, the assessment principles are the same whether in counseling or in another field. THEREFORE, answer your questions from the perspective of the field that you are in or that you are going into. If you are not a counseling major, do not quote the book and answer from the field of counseling!

Course Documents:

Note that I will be posting additional documents such as notes, examples and graphics to the "Course Documents" heading in Blackboard. Check these course documents on a weekly basis as I will be releasing them as they pertain to the weekly topics.

Exams: 30%

There will be a total of 2 exams. Each exam is worth 15%. The exams will be taken via Blackboard. The exams will consist of multiple choice, short answer and/or essay questions. The exams will be *available* beginning Sundays at noon, through Mondays at 8 p.m. Do not email me asking me to make the test available to you at a different time. Make arrangements at the beginning of the semester to take the exam on either Sunday or Monday. You *do not* need to email me and let me know when you will take the exam. Please note that the exams are timed. You will have 2½ hours to complete the Midterm. The Midterm will cover chapters 1-6 and 14. There will be a total of 40 multiple choice questions worth 1.5 pts. each and 4 essays worth 10 pts. each. You will have 3 hours to complete the Final which will cover chapters 7-11. The Final will consist of 25 multiple choice questions worth 2 pts. each and 5 essays worth 10 pts. each.

Blackboard and Activities: 50%

The utilization of Blackboard and assignments posted will be an important component of this course. This will include, but is not limited to, formal and informal assessments that will be due. Assignments will be posted on Fridays at noon and will be due on Thursdays at 12 noon. Late assignments will not be accepted. Post your Discussion Board assignments as an attachment, typed in Word, using 12 pt. Times New Roman or a similar font, normal margins, double spaced. Do not try to enlarge your font or space out various headlines or use lengthy titles to try to fill in the page. Assignments are expected to be **2 pages in length**, unless otherwise noted.

Refer to the grading rubric that I have posted under "Course Documents". I will be utilizing this rubric to grade Blackboard assignments. Note that I will not necessarily respond to all of your individual postings. However, I will use the rubric as a basis for my grading.

Be sure that you take the time to read other student's posted assignments. You will glean much more from this course if you actively do so.

PowerPoint Presentation: 10%

Students will **INDIVIDUALLY** work on a presentation related to **ONE** assessment referred to in Chapters 7-11. There are many assessments that relate to each chapter, but you are to select **ONE** that you will cover in detail. Your presentation should be *at least* 20 slides in length. For example: someone assigned to Chapter 7 would give an overview of Chapter 7 and explain intelligence and general ability testing. This person would also relate the assessment that they select to review in detail to Chapter 7. For example, the person might select; one of the Wechsler instruments, Stanford-Binet, Kaufman, etc. Remember to select only **ONE** assessment that you review in detail. Be sure to make reference to the chapter and tie it in to the presentation. Your presentation must include at least 4 scholarly references, with at least 2 journals. You may also want to include the test manual. Demonstrate sample test questions. In your PowerPoint presentation, be sure to include:

OVERALL REVIEW OF THE CHAPTER

Then, select **ONE** assessment that relates to the chapter you are assigned. You **MUST** cover:

Basic Principles

Name of assessment

Description

Background and Construction

Validity

Reliability

Planning and Implementation

Scoring

Use of test data in Decision-Making

Strengths and Weaknesses

Reference to the Chapter

Once final class counts have been finalized, I will assign you to a chapter. Your PowerPoint presentation will then be due on the date that chapter is covered. For example, Chapter 7 presentations will be due on March 13, 2015. You will submit your presentation to the Discussion Board and it will be posted for all classmates to view. The rubric that I will be using to grade this assignment will be posted under "course documents" in Blackboard.

Test Review: 10%

Due March 6, 2015. Please email this assignment to me:

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Select a test currently used at your school or place of work. If not available, interview a teacher, counselor, or supervisor. How is this test utilized? Is it helpful or harmful (or both)? Is it a satisfactory test for the school and its population? Type up a 4-6 page explanation of your findings. Some examples would be: assessments utilized to see if a student qualifies for the Bilingual Program or for the Gifted and Talented Program. There are also AP exams, Benchmark testing, STAAR, TPRI, SAT, ACT, ASVAB, ITBS, LAT, TELPAS, End of Course, etc..... The rubric that I will be using to grade this assignment will be posted under "course documents."

Format: Textbook Chapter(s) should be read so that Blackboard Assignments can be completed on Thursdays at noon. You will need to keep up with the readings. I will post "Announcements" to update you as needed, or I will send mass emails. Please check your Announcements and Emails on a consistent basis.

Grading:

NOTE: GRADES ARE EARNED BASED ON THE QUALITY OF THE ASSIGNED WORK, NOT SIMPLY ON COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED WORK.

Disability Statement

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