

Syllabus

EDSR 6323: Marriage and Family Therapy

Clinical Mental Health Counselors

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Time

The professor is available via email (for personal correspondence), Blackboard Discussion Board for class questions and clarifications), and, in case of an emergency, by telephone.

COURSE PREREQUISITES:

Students must have earned a grade of B or higher in EDUC 5307, EDUC6315 & EDUC 6308 and have permission from the professor.

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The general purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the stages of family development, family dynamics, and techniques of marriage and family counseling, family consultation, and parent education.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Gehart, D. (2018). *Mastering competencies in family therapy (3rd ed.). Boston.:* Cengage

ISBN 978-13-05943278

American Psychological Association (2020). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

ISBN: 978-1433832161

Professor Expectations from Students:

- The professor will provide weekly communication with the class through announcements and email notifications, virtual office hours, and virtual meetings as needed.
- The professor will provide email responses within 24 hours of receipt. Communication on weekends and holidays will be limited. Texting on weekends and holidays will not speed up the process.
- The professor will provide clear lectures, instructions, a grading matrix, and in some cases, examples for assignments.
- The professor will provide grades for assignments within 2 weeks of the submission date.
- The professor will provide feedback to journals and discussion board postings as needed, on a weekly basis.
- The professor will provide a range of opportunities to engage in course content in a meaningful way with assignments, discussions, and guizzes.

Professor Expectations of Students:

- Students will familiarize themselves with the components of an online course: Blackboard, SafeAssign, Quizzes/Exams, TEAMS meetings, etc.
- Students will respond to the professor's communication requests through email, Blackboard, and phone calls or texting regarding course progress and other general inquiries within 48 hours.
- Students will communicate with the professor through the university email, not personal or work email.
- Students will familiarize themselves with the course textbooks, syllabus, online policies, grading policies, student outcomes, marketable skills, course objectives, and course design.
- Students will adhere to the 7th edition of the APA manual for all written assignments and
 postings and will not plagiarize the work of another or use the work of their peers and
 claim it as their own.
- Students will complete and submit all coursework by 11:59 PM CST on the due date.
 Late work will not be accepted.
- Students will engage in the course, with their peers and the instructor, with open communication and active participation.
- Students will be diligent in using both oral and written communication that respects peers and instructors.
- Students will be proactive, and resourceful (such as backing up assignments on other
 external devices or in the cloud), and pre-plan for internet interruptions and other
 technology/computer problems so that these will not be issues in test-taking situations or
 in submitting assignments.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this class is to provide students the opportunities for students to reflect and self-examine his or her beliefs and gain knowledge and skills in multicultural counseling. The course provides an understanding of issues and trends in a multicultural and diverse society.

The specific course objectives:

- 1. Students will learn about the history and development of marriage, couple, and family counseling.
- 2. Students will gain knowledge and skills in theories and models of family systems dynamics.
- 3. Students will gain knowledge and practice skills in theories and models of marriage, couple, and family counseling.
- 4. Students will learn and about the sociology of the family, family phenomenology, and family of origins theory.
- 5. Students will gain knowledge and skills in the principles and models of assessment and case conceptualization from a system perspective.
- 6. Students will learn and practice skills in assessment relevant to marriage, couple, and family counseling.
- 7. Students will gain knowledge and skills in multicultural sensitivity in marriage, couple, and family therapy.
- 8. Students will gain knowledge and skills in ethical decision-making and legal issues in marriage and family counseling.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will:

- 1. Students will demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of a systems perspective as it relates to couple and family therapy.
- 2. Students will gain awareness of key systems models in marriage and family counseling.
- 3. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the role of attachment theory in couple and family counseling.
- 4. Students will engage in experiential learning exercises that apply specific family and couple interventions.
- 5. Students will learn how to select various theories and interventions when working with couples and families.

- 6. Students will address the role of resources including faith and spirituality when working with couples and families.
- 7. Students will become aware of legal and ethical issues that impact therapy with couples and families.
- 8. Students will construct a personal genogram that applies systems theory to their family of origin.
- 9. Students will address issues of diversity and how these differences impact their work with couple and family issues.
- 10. Students will practice case conceptualization and treatment planning with various theories.

COUNSELOR MARKETABLE SKILLS:

Graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate oral and written communication skills to apply in careers related to mental and behavioral health including school counseling.
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethics, social justice issues, and multicultural concerns to apply in careers related to mental and behavioral health including school counseling.
- Demonstrate knowledge of human growth development throughout the lifespan to apply in careers related to mental and behavioral health including school counseling.

DISTANT LEARNING STATEMENT:

Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, such as online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies about academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Students in this class are required to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be timely, prepared, and focused. Meaningful, respectful, and pertinent online participation is also expected.

Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to submitting work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites <u>without citation</u>.

SAFE ASSIGN:

The Safe Assignment Tool is an advanced plagiarism prevention system deeply integrated with the Blackboard Learning Management System. SafeAssignment compares student papers submitted to Blackboard against an enormous wide range of sources and provides instructors with detailed Originality Reports. Because of SafeAssignment's flexibility, this product is an effective plagiarism prevention system that helps instructors to raise student awareness about plagiarism and to educate students about the ways to avoid plagiarism. You can check your similarity report and make corrections if needed. With your similarity report, you will note highlighted areas that have similarity noted between your paper and another source. You will click on the tab within the colored square to see the percentage of the similarity. Percentages above 20% must be corrected. It does not matter if the source that is being noted for similarity is not the same source that you used. The system is telling you what you have written is too like another source and you need to make corrections. You may need to change up some of the wording or order of information to make it your information. More than three or four words in a row that are identical to the originating author can be detected. You can submit your paper as many times as you would like. This system is designed to assist students with increasing awareness of plagiarism. Typically, plagiarism is an accidental occurrence and occurs when students do not realize their writing is overly like another source.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

SRSU DISABILITY SERVICES:

The University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Disability Services Coordinator in Counseling and Student Support Services has the responsibility to ensure students with disabilities have the opportunity for full participation in programs, services, and activities. Students seeking disability services need to contact the Disability Services Coordinator, Mary Scwartze Grisham, located in Ferguson Hall, room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-171, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX 79832. Telephone: 432-837-8203; Fax: 432-837-8724.

LIBRARIES

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu/. Off-campus access requires logging in with your LobolD and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or by phone (432-837-8123).

No matter where you are based, public libraries and many academic and special libraries welcome the general public into their spaces for study. SRSU TexShare Cardholders can access additional services and resources at various libraries across Texas. Learn more about

the TexShare program by visiting <u>library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/</u> or ask a librarian by emailing <u>srsulibrary@sulross.edu</u>.

New for Fall 2023: Mike Fernandez, SRSU Librarian, is based in Eagle Pass (Building D-129) to offer specialized library services to students, faculty, and staff. Utilize free services such as InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and Scanlt to get materials delivered to you at home or via email.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

You are responsible for reviewing the university policies on Absences and Class Attendance in the SRSU Student Handbook. Because this is such an abbreviated weekend format course, attendance at and prompt arrival for ALL class sessions is required to pass this course. If unable to attend a class session, please contact the professor and know that you will be dropped from the course.

PARTICIPATION POLICY:

Since **EDSR 6323** is an online course, participation will be evaluated in Blackboard online discussions. It is the student's responsibility to check the Discussion Board and Sul Ross's email <u>DAILY</u> for the duration of the course. For you to remain enrolled in **EDSR 6323**, you must reply to the Blackboard Discussion Board "Online Participation Policy" forum by the deadline posted on the Due Dates listing contained in this syllabus. It is the policy at Sul Ross State University that if a student is enrolled in an online course and fails to stay active for 3 weeks, fails to submit assignments, and/or does not reply to emails from the instructor, he/she will receive a final grade of "F." You may access the "Online Participation Policy" forum by entering Blackboard, and then selecting Discussion Board. Please follow the directions regarding your required response.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Technology Requirements: Since the Counselor Education Program is predominately web-delivered, students are required to have their computers and internet that can handle the required technology, including audio, a camera, Chrome, Blackboard, Zoom, YouTube, and other applications. Not having the technology at your disposal at any time is not an excuse for failure to submit an assignment, join in a Blackboard session, or take an exam.

Students will:

- Attend all virtual classes and participate in discussions and activities. Failure to attend a class will result in course failure.
- Complete reading assignments and study the material before class meetings.
- Complete out-of-class assignments and deliver in-class presentations.
- Take exams.
- Practice professional conduct and ethics.

• Practice respectful learning exchanges

General Format for Written Work.

Papers must be typed using APA format. Which includes, 1-inch margins, 11-point Ariel type, and double line spacing. Begin numbering with the title page, and edit for spelling, grammar, clarity, and logic of idea development.

SafeAssign is used to assist with the quality of writing.

NOTE: Your writing reflects your professionalism. A paper with multiple errors will receive a reduction in grade. Along with your 7th Edition APA manual, http://www.apastyle.org is a good reference website for APA guidelines. Typically, each paragraph will have at least one cited source. Even if you have rewritten the information in your own words, you must cite the source. If you use a quote the page number from where it came from in the source is required.

WRITING RUBRIC FOR ALL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Sub-skill	Beginning 1	Basic 2	Proficient 3	Advanced 4	Exceptional 5	Score
Integrati on of Knowled ge	The paper did not incorporate knowledge from the literature or class in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper somewhat incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper effectively incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	The paper very effectively incorporated knowledge from the literature in relevant and meaningful ways	
Organiza tion and Presenta tion	The paper lacked topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper occasionally included topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper consistently included topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a seamless flow	The paper consistently and effectively employed topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a	The paper uniformly and very effectively employed topic sentences, transitions from one topic to another, relevant connections among topics, and a	

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				seamless flow	seamless flow	
Focus	The paper's topic lacked focus and a clear direction	The paper's topic had occasional focus, direction, and purpose	The paper's topic had focus and clarity of direction and purpose	The paper's topic had effective focus and clarity of direction and purpose	The paper's topic had very effective focus and clarity of direction and purpose	
Level of Coverag e	The paper lacked depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper occasionally included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper effectively included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	The paper very effectively included depth, elaboration, and relevant material	
Grammar / Spelling	The paper contained numerous errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained some errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained very few errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained only one or two errors of grammar and spelling	The paper contained no errors of grammar and spelling	
Referenc es and Sources	The paper did not include content from peer reviewed journal articles and/or scholarly books/book chapters and instead cited web site material of questionabl e veracity	The paper included content from a few peers reviewed journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and instead included material from web sites of questionable credibility	The paper included content from peer reviewed journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	The paper effectively included content from peer reviewed journal articles and scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites	The paper very effectively included content from peer reviewed journal articles or scholarly books/book chapters and only included material from credible web sites.	
APA Style	The paper did not use APA style	The paper was partly based on APA style	The paper was mostly based on APA style	The paper was based on APA style with only a few exceptions	The paper was completely and accurately based on APA style	

Sub-skill	Beginning 1	Basic 2	Proficient 3	Advanced 4	Exceptional 5	Score
Total Score						
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Comments:_						
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Assignment:	:				_ Date:	

SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT:

I aim to create a learning environment for my students that supports various perspectives and experiences. I understand that the recent pandemic, economic disparity, and health concerns, or even unexpected life events may impact the conditions necessary for you to succeed. My commitment is to be there for you and help you meet the learning objectives of this course. I do this to demonstrate my commitment to you and to the mission of Sul Ross State University to create a supportive environment and care for the whole student as part of the Sul Ross Familia. If you feel like your performance in the class is being impacted by your experiences outside of class, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. I want to be a resource for you.

VIDEO REFLECTIONS:

Students will access the Video Reflection tab review the assignment and enter a minimum 3-paragraph reflective comment regarding the assignment. There will be thirteen (13) graded video/article reflection assignments. The rubric reflects four competencies with the following value ratings: Advanced (3 pt. value), Novice (2 pt. value), Student (1 pt. value), and Unacceptable (0 pt. value).

The comment must include your version of what theme or message the author is attempting to convey to his or her audience. Include any rationality, as perceived by the descriptive content; include your thoughts and emotion(s) you experienced while viewing the video, and perceptions of how the information might impact future activities. Please see the rubric below that I use to assess your skill level. You are welcome to enter a personal experience(s) recalled while

viewing the video. In addition to the 3-paragraph reflection, include the core concepts for each theory.

The assignments mostly consist of short video clips but may consist of an article, or a guest person presentation. You will select the topic title (Example, VR 1, etc.) for the video clip assigned for the week. The video reflection clips are located under the Video/Article Reflections submenu. After selecting the title, it is required to select the thread title. Review the video clip and enter your reflection by selecting the "Reply" feature and enter your reflection. The following rubric is provided to guide your responses.

Competency Level	Advanced (3)	Novice (2)	Student (1)	Unacceptable (0)
1. Competency 1 Your version of what theme or message the author is attempting to convey to his or her audience.	Student is able to identify two or more aspects of the author's intent and the rationale that supports his or her reflection.	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent and the offers rationale that supports his or her reflection.	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent from his or her general perspective.	Student only restates the video or Text content.
2. Competency 2 Include any specifics the author(s) used to strengthen his or her point of view.	Student is able to identify two or more aspects of the author's intent and the rationale that supports his or her reflection.	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent and the rationale that supports his or her reflection.	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent.	Student is unable to identify any point of views.
3. Competency 3 Describe your thoughts and emotion(s) you experienced while viewing the video.	Student is able to identify two or more aspects of the author's intent and the rationale that supports his or her reflection.	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent and the rationale that supports his or her reflection.	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent.	Student only restates the video content.
4. Competency 4 . Explain your perceptions of how the information might impact future activities.	Student is able to identify two or more aspects of the author's intent and the rationale that	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent and the rationale that	Student is able to identify one aspect of the author's intent.	Student only restates the video content.

supports his or her reflection.	supports his or her reflection.	

QUIZZES:

Weekly quizzes are designed to evaluate knowledge level comprehension for each class content reviewed. Each student will complete a quiz every week. The quizzes are intended to ensure you can grasp the content of the assigned reading. There is a total of thirteen (13) quizzes, and each quiz has a 100-point potential. Each quiz will contain a different number of questions that correspond with the chapter or Video Reflection content and may consist of true and false, multiple choice, short answer questions. If you do well on your quizzes, you will probably do well in the final exam. You will be allowed to use your quizzes to study for the final exam.

Students will be required to complete the quiz immediately after completing the video reflection, which is completed immediately after the class session. This will provide me with the opportunity to provide grading and feedback.

CONCEPTUAL MAPPING VIGNETTES:

Clients often have difficulty articulating their thoughts effectively. Counselors often must use attending skills and reflective listening to garner the information necessary to formulate a hypothesis about the presenting issue. Consequently, counselors require the skill competency of conceptualizing the foundational and working components of the problem presented. Students will be provided one (1) vignette assignment two weeks before the end of the semester and will filter the five-step therapeutic process. The five steps derive from your textbook and includes:

- **Step 1**. Map the Territory: Conceptualize the situation with the help of theory (Chapter 11).
- **Step 2.** Identify Oases and Obstacles: Assess the client's mental status and provide case management (Chapter 12).
- **Step 3.** Select a Path: Develop a treatment plan with therapeutic tasks—including how to build a working therapeutic relationship—and measurable client goals (Chapter 13).
- Step 4. Track Progress: Evaluate the client's response to treatment (Chapter 14).
- Step 5. Leave a Trail: Document what happens (Chapter 15).

MOVIE REFLECTION PAPER:

The reflection paper is intended to move a student from passive learning to active learning. Active learning enhances reasoning skills that are very important to a counselor. Like your video reflection forum entries, this assignment will enhance your counseling skills by grasping certain content while assessing your intrinsic processes.

I have provided students with a brief video explaining reflective learning and writing a reflective paper. This approach will motivate your learning and perceptive skills. Since counseling is considered scientific, use an APA format to write this paper, and it must contain at least 10 pages, which includes content, the Title page, and Reference page(s). The writing lab has many writing resources that can assist you in understanding the mechanics involved in writing a reflective paper. Students may choose to either rent or purchase the movie for required viewing.

In addition to writing the movie, each student will present their experience of watching the movie. Please record yourself using Collaborate Ultra and please DO NOT exceed 30 mins. DO NOT MERELY READ YOUR PAPER in your presentation. Use the rubric below to help you write your movie reflection and prepare your presenting reflection.

Criteria	Superior (25 pts.)	Sufficient (20 pts.)	Minimal (10 pts.)	Unacceptable (0 pts.)
Depth of Reflection points	Response demonstrates an indepth reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and/or strategies presented in the course materials to date. Viewpoints and interpretations are insightful and well supported. Clear, detailed examples are provided, as applicable.	Response demonstrates a general reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and/or strategies presented in the course materials to date. Viewpoints and interpretations are supported. Appropriate examples are provided, as applicable.	Response demonstrates a minimal reflection on, and personalization of, the theories, concepts, and/or strategies presented in the course materials to date. Viewpoints and interpretations are unsupported or supported with flawed arguments. Examples, when applicable, are not provided or are irrelevant to the assignment.	Response demonstrates a lack of reflection on, or personalization of, the theories, concepts, and/or strategies presented in the course materials to date. Viewpoints and interpretations are missing, inappropriate, and/or unsupported. Examples, when applicable, are not provided.
Required Components points	Response includes all components and meets or exceeds all requirements indicated in the instructions. Each question or part of	Response includes all components and meets all requirements indicated in the instructions. Each question or part of	Response is missing some components and/or does not fully meet the requirements	Response excludes essential components and/or does not address the

	the assignment is addressed thoroughly. All attachments and/or additional documents are included, as required.	the assignment is addressed. All attachments and/or additional documents are included, as required.	indicated in the instructions. Some questions or parts of the assignment are not addressed. Some attachments and additional documents, if required, are missing or unsuitable for the purpose of the assignment.	requirements indicated in the instructions. Many parts of the assignment are addressed minimally, inadequately, and/or not at all.
Structure points	Writing is clear, concise, and well organized with excellent sentence/paragraph construction. Thoughts are expressed in a coherent and logical manner. There are no more than three spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is mostly clear, concise, and well organized with good sentence/paragraph construction. Thoughts are expressed in a coherent and logical manner. There are no more than five spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is unclear and/or disorganized. Thoughts are not expressed in a logical manner. There are more than five spelling, grammar, or syntax errors per page of writing.	Writing is unclear and disorganized. Thoughts ramble and make little sense. There are numerous spelling, grammar, or syntax errors throughout the response.
Evidence and Practice points	Response shows strong evidence of synthesis of ideas presented and insights gained throughout the entire course. The implications of these insights for the respondent's overall teaching practice are thoroughly detailed, as applicable.	Response shows evidence of synthesis of ideas presented and insights gained throughout the entire course. The implications of these insights for the respondent's overall teaching practice are presented, as applicable.	Response shows little evidence of synthesis of ideas presented and insights gained throughout the entire course. Few implications of these insights for the respondent's overall teaching practice are	Response shows no evidence of synthesis of ideas presented and insights gained throughout the entire course. No implications for the respondent's overall teaching practice are presented, as applicable.

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	applicable.	

FINAL EXAM:

The final exam is a 100-question that may consist of True/False, Multiple-Choice, or Short Answer type questions that are designed to assess comprehensive, application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluative consideration of knowledge gained over the semester. The final exam primarily derives from weekly quizzes. The exam will be posted on Blackboard on the designated date and each student will have four (4) hours to complete the exam.

PARTICIPATION/DISCUSSION:

As your instructor, I place heavy emphasis on Individual class participation. A major component of participation derives from the thirteen posted discussion points. The remaining emphasis is based on your timely submission of your assignments and the substance of the content submitted.

The interactive component of this course is critical. It will enhance your reasoning skills, which is very important to the counseling process. Your participation will facilitate others enhancing his or her reasoning skills by drawing from your rich experience(s). The intercultural experiences of students add tremendously to everyone's learning in class. Our live online streaming interaction will provide us the opportunity to review the week's theme of instruction and will also help to alleviate any issues or answer any questions that often arise when taking online coursework, this is NOT MANDATORY, but available. I will be signed on at the designated time to ascertain any content clarity inquiries or other general information to enhance the substance of your comprehension of the material.

You will need to have high-speed Internet service, and the *Adobe Flash Player* loaded into your personal computer. *The IT department has suggested that you use Google Chrome as your* web browser to alleviate technical difficulties. I have placed a quick link to *Adobe Flash Player* for quick download onto his or her personal computer. Students are always welcome to use the on-campus computer lab for the virtual interactive weekly meetings.

EVALUATION/GRADING POLICY:

Your grade for this course will be determined by evidence of the quality of your learning as demonstrated by your performance on the following:

Video Reflections (13)	20%
Quizzes (13)	20%
Conceptual Mapping Vignettes (2)	20%
Movie Reflection Paper	20%
Final Exam	10%
Participation/Discussion (13)	10%

NOTE: Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain in good standing.

If you make a C, you will retake the course.

Each student will be expected to stay in regular communication with their professor and will be required to respond to emails sent to your Sul Ross email and/or telephone calls initiated by the professor within two days.

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS NOTE: Late work is not accepted.

Assignments will be adjusted as needed by the professor.

SCHEDULE/DUE DATES:

Please complete the reading assignments and study the material before engaging in other assignments.

The professor reserves the right to adjust assignments as needed. Some assignments may be added, and others dismissed. Be flexible.

PROPOSED COURSE OUTLINE

DATE	TOPIC. ASSIGNMENT DUE AND READINGS
Jan 18	Introduction & Orientation:
	We will all meet virtually through Collaborate from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the first day ONLY to review the class process, assignments, and due dates.
	This is an ASYNCHRONOUS course, which means it is not mandatory to meet virtually. However, I will sign on every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm to review material for the corresponding assignments and answer any questions; you are welcome to sign on if necessary. Meanwhile, all assignments are due on the assigned due dates. Mandatory Collaborate Meeting on Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Jan 25	Module 1:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 2 Research and Ethical Foundations of Family Therapy Ch 3. Philosophical Foundations of Family Therapy Theory
	Quiz 1: Ch. 1 & Ch 2

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	Video Reflection 1: 1) The Origins of Family Therapy; 2) Top Ethical Violations for Marriage & Family Therapists (MFTs)
	Discussion Board Entry #1
Due Feb 01	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Module 2:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 4 Systemic and Strategic Therapies
	Quiz 2: Ch. 4
	Video Reflection 2: 1) Foundations of Systemic Therapies; 2) Strategic Therapy Part 1; 3) Strategic Therapy Part 2
	Discussion Board Entry #2
Due Feb 08	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Feb 08	Module 3:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 5 Structural Family Therapy
	Quiz 3: Ch 5
	Video Reflection 3: 1) Structural Therapy
	Discussion Board Entry #3
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Feb 15	Module 4:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 6 Experiential Family Therapies
	Quiz 4: Ch.6
	Video Reflection 4: 1) Symbolic Therapy; 2) Satir Family Therapy; 3) Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy; 4) Internal Family Systems
	Discussion Board Entry #4
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Feb 22	Module 5:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 7 Intergenerational and Psychoanalytical Family Therapies
	Quiz 5: Ch. 7

	Video Reflection 5: 1) Intergenerational Family Therapy; 2) Psychoanalytic and Psychodynamic Counseling Psychotherapy
	Discussion Board Entry #5
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Feb 29	Module 6:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 8 Cognitive-Behavioral and Mindfulness Based Couples and Family Therapy
	Quiz 6: Ch. 8
	Video Reflection 6: Cognitive-behavioral therapy and Mindfulness-Based Couples and Family Therapy
	Discussion Board Entry #6
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Mar 07	Module 7:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 9 Solution -Based Therapies
	Quiz 7: Ch. 9
	Video Reflection 7: 1) Solution-Focused Therapy
	Discussion Board Entry #7
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mar 11 - 15	Spring Break
Due Mar 21	Module 8:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 10 Narrative and Collaborative Therapies
	Quiz 8: Ch.10
	Video Reflection 8: 1) Narrative Therapy; 2) Collaborative Therapy
	Discussion Board Entry #8
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Mar 28	Module 9:

	Reading Assignment: Ch. 11 Case Conceptualization
	Quiz 9: Ch. 11
	Video Reflection 9: 1) Case Conceptualization Part 1; 2) Case Conceptualization Part 2
	Discussion Board Entry #9
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Apr 04	Module 10:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 12 Clinical Assessment
	Quiz 10: Ch. 12
	Video Reflection 10: 1) Clinical Assessment Part 1; 2) Clinical Assessment Part 2
	Discussion Board Entry #10
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Apr 11	Module 11:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 13 Treatment Planning
	Quiz 11: Ch. 13
	Video Reflection 11: 1) Treatment Planning
	Discussion Board Entry #11
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Apr 18	Module 12:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. 14 Evaluating Progress
	Quiz 12: Ch. 14
	Video Reflection 12: 1) What we might Learn in Couples Therapy
	Discussion Board Entry #12
	Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due Apr 25	Module 13:
	Reading Assignment: Ch. Document it: Progress Notes

	Quiz 13: Ch. 15 Video Reflection 13: 1) Document it – Progress Notes Discussion Board Entry #13 Professor Available via Collaborate Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Due May 02	Module 14: Conceptual Mapping Vignette Due Movie Reflection Paper Due Final Exam Due
May 11	RGC Commencement