Syllabus
COUN 621 – Psychoeducational Consultation and Program Evaluation
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Communicating with the instructor
- Email is preferred means of communication.
- Email received in the evenings or on weekends will be answered the next morning M-R.
- I will return telephone calls if I understand the phone number and message.
- Calls to my mobile phone are O.K. 7:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Please do not call at other hours. Texts at any time are O.K. (but don’t expect responses in the middle of the night)

Course Description

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<td>Psychoeducational Consulting and Program Evaluation. 3 semester hours. Psychological, educational, and sociological theories, models, and processes applied to human and organizational systems of change. Special attention is directed to applying theory to practice and to differentiating between human and structural problems and interventions.</td>
<td>Required for the Ph.D. in counseling, students will examine theories and models of both mental health consultation and program evaluation. Students will be expected to demonstrate their expertise via practical applications.</td>
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Course Objectives

Students will:
- discuss, explain, list, and/or identify the differences between and similarities among consultation, counseling, supervision, and evaluation
- explain, list, and/or identify common consultant roles
- discuss, explain, list, and/or identify the stages of consultation
- discuss, explain, list, and/or identify various consultation models
- identify, discuss, and evaluate theories and models of program evaluation
- be able to discuss, identify, explain, and/or list the steps involved in program evaluation
- discuss, explain, and/or order historical events in the field of program evaluation
- discuss, explain, and/or identify the reporting means and uses of evaluation information
- discuss, explain, list, and/or identify the political, ethical, and interpersonal aspects of evaluation
- discuss, explain, and/or identify the merits of metaevaluation
- discuss, explain, and/or identify the tenets of "emerging" theories/models of career development, career counseling, and occupational choice
- discuss, explain, list, and/or identify the stages/steps in a generic career counseling model

Course Outline

Program Evaluation
- Purposes of evaluation
- Evaluation approaches
- Planning evaluations
- Conducting evaluations
- Reporting on evaluations
- Evaluating evaluations

Consultation
- Consultation as a helping relationship
- Consultant roles
- Consultation stages
- Consultation models
- Working within an organization
Career Development/Counseling
- Emerging theories
  - Theory of Work Adjustment
  - Career Construction Theory
  - Social Cognitive Career Theory
  - Brown's values-based holistic model of career and life-role choices and satisfaction
  - Hansen's Integrative Life Planning
  - Career counseling in the 21st century

Course Texts
Required


Reserved Readings
Recently published manuscripts related to course topics occasionally may be assigned as outside reading. Copies will be available through ECollege as copyright laws permit.

Supplemental Materials
As copyright laws permit, supplemental materials will be distributed and/or made available via ECollege. These materials may include, but are not limited to, diagrams, charts, summarizations, tables, and lecture outlines.

Grading Policy
A (90-100) - Defined as consistently excellent performance which distinguishes the individual as being hard-working and highly motivated to succeed.

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Course Assignments

Consultation Presentation
In dyads or triads, students will develop a "presentation" of information and material related to one of four consultation paradigms: mental health consultation, behavioral consultation, organizational consultation, school-based consultation.

A 5th topic relates to culturally competent consultants and characteristics of successful consultants. Value towards final COUN 621 grade: 20%

Evaluation Presentation
In dyads or triads, students will develop a "presentation" of information and material related to one of five evaluation paradigms: objectives-oriented evaluation, management-oriented evaluation, consumer-oriented evaluation, expertise-oriented evaluation, or participant-oriented evaluation or related to one of two sets of guidelines: planning evaluations or conducting and using evaluations. Thus, 7 topics are "up for grabs." Value towards final COUN 621 grade: 20%

Consultation/Evaluation Project
In small groups, students will conduct either a program evaluation or needs assessment. Students will be expected to identify their own site/program where this evaluation/assessment will be conducted. Students will choose their own group members for this project. Variables to consider when choosing group members include program interest (school, community, substance abuse, dual diagnoses, probation/parole, pre/post incarceration, etc.) program purpose (education, intervention, remediation, etc.), personal schedule compatibility, geographic proximity for meetings, labor division preference, etc. Value towards final COUN 621 grade: 30%

Career Test
A level-appropriate (Ph.D. seeking) test will be included in the Career 6 module. It will mirror doctoral comprehensive examination questions. Value towards final COUN 621 grade: 15%

Threaded Discussions
Threaded discussions afford us the opportunity to share learnings, thoughts, opinions, etc. 5-8 threaded discussion prompts will be posted periodically during the semester. For each, you will have 48 hours to post your initial comments. Then, you will have an additional 48 hours for responding to the posts of at least 2 of your colleagues. Value towards final COUN 621 grade: 15%
Supplemental Bibliography


