



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
SAN ANTONIO

College of Education and Human Development
Department of Counseling, Health and Kinesiology
EDCG 5308 Clinical Treatment: Marriage, Couples and Family
Fall 2024

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Class time & Location: Thursday 5:30-6:45
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Required Textbooks:

Metcalf, L. (2017). *Solution focused narrative therapy* New York: Springer.

Recommended Readings:

Gehart, D.(2018). *Mastering competencies in family therapy: A practical approach to theory and clinical case documentation* (3rd Ed.). New York: Brooks and Cole. ISBN-10: 1337117676 / ISBN-13: 9781337117678

Course Description: EDCG 5308 serves as an advanced MCF course covering information pertaining to clinical treatment of marriages, couples, and families. This course covers recent theories and models of MCF, interpersonal neurobiology, assessments relevant to MCF, and advanced techniques for working with families. This course assists MCF students in developing clinical skills to intervene with the most current research and methodology related to the MCF field. **Prerequisite:** EDCG 5314

Learning Objectives for the course aim to teach the student to:

1. Apply and adhere to ethical and legal standards of the best practices established by the state licensing, & ACA in marriage, couples and family counseling
2. Conceptualize issues in marriage, couple and family counseling using systemic theories
3. Create genogram and assessment skills for evaluating family functioning
4. Create and implement treatment plans and intervention strategies from a systemic perspective
5. Apply systemic models and techniques of marriage, couples and family counseling
6. Apply culturally relevant factors to marriage, couples and family counseling (including immigration)

As members of the University community, all enrolled students assume full responsibility for adhering to the university's values and goals. Students are held responsible for staying abreast of their rights as students and for being cognizant on what is deemed proper conduct as outlined in the Student Handbook. The Student Handbook is available through the Student Rights and Responsibilities webpage: <http://www.tamusa.edu/uploadFile/folders/fcestrad/Pdf/Pdf-635767864704349879-10.100.150.124.pdf>

Cheating and Plagiarism

Students are expected to do their own course work. Simple cases of first offense cheating or plagiarism by an individual student may be handled by the instructor after consultation with the department chair. For more serious cases, such as those involving repeated offenses, conspiracy with other students or the theft and selling of examination questions, a report should be made by the instructor via the department chair and college dean to the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs for disciplinary action. Expulsion from the University is a normal penalty for such offenses.

Plagiarism is a serious violation of academic integrity, and students who engage in plagiarism are subject to disciplinary action. The type of disciplinary action will depend on the severity of the plagiarism but may ultimately lead to the student's expulsion from the program and/or revocation of a student's degree, if the student has already graduated. Please review the Student Handbook for a complete description of the process.

Class Attendance

A vital part of every student's education is regular attendance of class meetings. Any absences tend to lower the quality of a student's work in a course, and frequent or persistent absences may preclude a passing grade or cause a student to be dropped from one or more courses upon the request of a faculty member to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

More than 2 absences will result in a grade letter deduction from your final grade for each subsequent absence. Two tardies (entering ten minutes or later after class begins or leaving 10 minutes or earlier before class ends) will count as one absence. There are no "excused" absences.

Absences for Religious Holidays

The university will allow students who are absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence if, not later than the fifteenth day after the first day of the semester, that student has notified the instructor of each class to be missed. The instructor may appropriately respond if a student fails to complete the assignment or examination within a reasonable time after the absence.

Research on Human Subjects

Any research that involves human subjects must be approved by the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects at A&M-San Antonio prior to any data collection. Specific