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Course Syllabus

SPRING/SUMMER 2019 THERAPEUTIC & SYSTEMIC APPROACHES TO ADDICTIONS COUN 0780

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The mission of Tyndale Seminary is to provide Christ-centred graduate theological education for leaders in the church and society whose lives are marked by intellectual maturity, spiritual vigour and moral integrity, and whose witness will faithfully engage culture with the Gospel.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Informs students about the fundamentals of the addictive process and standard and systemic treatment procedures. Lectures, personal reflection, group interaction, discussion and assignments will be used to help students understand the theoretical, spiritual and practical elements of addictions.

Prerequisites: COUN 0574, COUN 0674 and COUN 0677

Students will be exposed to epidemiology, risk and resiliency factors, genetic and environmental issues related to addiction, and the longitudinal course of addiction, along with its effect on couples, families, and communities. Concurrent disorders, detoxification, addictions in special populations (youth, women, elderly), and legal/ethical and spiritual issues in addiction will also be addressed. Students will learn how to screen for addictions, and be introduced to the use of motivational interviewing and the transtheoretical model (stages of change) to formulate a treatment plan across the treatment continuum, from harm

reduction to abstinence approaches. Issues in treatment matching, from individual to group treatment options, exposure to the addictions treatment system in the GTA and Ontario, and how to navigate and access it in the service of their clients will also be addressed.

CRPO STANDARDS

- 1.3 Integrate knowledge of comparative psychotherapy relevant to practice
- 1.3.3 Recognize the benefits, limitations, and contraindications of differing psychotherapeutic approaches
- 3.2 Apply ethical decision making
- 3.2.1 Recognize ethical issues encountered in practice
- 3.2.2 Resolve ethical dilemmas in a manner consistent with legislation and professional standards
- 4.5 Structure and facilitate the therapeutic process
- 4.5.1 Formulate an assessment
- 4.5.2 Formulate a direction for treatment or therapy

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of addiction etiology, definition, course, screening/assessment and intervention, while integrating faith issues and systems theory.
2. Apply those understandings to case situations and formulate a treatment plan.
3. Explain how to navigate and access the addictions treatment system.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING:

Herie, M. & Skinner, W.J. (2014). *Fundamentals of addiction: a practical guide for counsellors. (Fourth edition)*. Toronto: CAMH. ISBN: 978-1-77114-147-5

May, G. (2007). *Addiction and Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions*. New York: HarperCollins. ISBN: 0061122432

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING:

See Selected Bibliography section at the end of the syllabus.

C. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Assignments are geared to increase student knowledge base about addiction theory and treatment, as well as to sensitize students to the spiritual, ethical, professional and personal challenges of dealing with addictions.

1. Class Participation: 5 % of final grade

Students are expected to be active participants in the learning process. Involvement in class discussions, questions and comments are welcome and anticipated. Student participation will be graded on a scale of 1 to 4:

- 1 (or D): present, not disruptive; responds when called on but does not offer much; infrequent involvement;
- 2 (or C): adequate preparation, but no evidence of interpretation of analysis; offers straightforward information; contributes moderately when called upon;
- 3 (or B): good preparation, offers interpretation and analysis, contributes well to discussion in on-going fashion;
- 4 (or A): excellent preparation, offers analysis, synthesis and evaluation of material; contributes significantly to ongoing discussion.

2. Group Presentation Due on July 8 - 12, 2019; 15 % of final grade

Students will give a 10-15 minute presentation describing the key points of their chosen topic from a selection of addiction in special populations that will be handed out on the first day of class. Each group member is expected to participate in the formulation and delivery of the presentation. Each group will deliver an electronic handout summarizing their main points which will be posted on the class website.

3. Field Assignment: Due by midnight, Aug 11, 2019; 30% of final grade

Students are expected to attend **two** "Open" 12-Step meetings or other addiction recovery meeting of their choice, **one** for individuals with addictions (e.g. AA, NA, CA, Celebrate Recovery), and **one** for family, friends or significant other of individuals with addictions (e.g. Al-Anon). Detail instructions will be posted on the course page on Moodle.

Write a 5-page critical reflection paper on your experiences of the two meetings. Topics to address will include but are not limited to: your observations on the 12-Step process in action, your personal experience of attending meetings, theological reflections, and thoughts on how the 12-Step process can work for your clients.

4. Final Paper: Due by midnight, Aug 11, 2019; 50 % of final grade

Students will observe a case family that will be subject to clinical intervention. You will be expected to write a 9-10 page paper outlining: how you will engage with, assess, formulate a treatment plan and address potential roadblocks in therapy using a family system approach.

Your paper must reflect the integration of addictions theory and a family system approach and be congruent with ethical practice standards.

The paper should not simply report, summarize, or review class materials (though you are encouraged to draw from class lectures, discussion and, especially from readings). It should, rather, concentrate upon the formulation of a holistic therapeutic perspective which integrates knowledge of addictions and family systems. It should demonstrate thoughtful reflection, clinical analysis, and should embody a conceptual argument in which various angles of the case study are explored in fairness and at length.

D. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have **active accommodations in place**.

E. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

Class Participation	5 %
Group Presentation	15 %
Field Assignment	30 %
Final Paper	50 %
Total Grade	100 %

F. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Your work should demonstrate the following characteristics:

All written assignments must be written in full APA style, double-spaced, and will stress the integration of classroom learnings and student practice settings. If you are not familiar with APA, please refer to appropriate resources, as needed. Students must adhere to specified requirements for writing style and paper length, since proper, cohesive and precise concept formulation and expression is expected. Non-compliance will result in grade deductions. Due to the nature of Spring & Summer School, arrangements on handing in and returning marked papers will be announced by the instructor in class.

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on

tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University College & Seminary takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Students are encouraged to consult [writing resources](#).

Students should also consult the current [Academic Calendar](#) for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System.

Attendance

One day or more of unexcused absences will constitute grounds for failing that course. Excused absences include the following: death in family, hospitalization of yourself or a member of your immediate family or a prolonged illness for which you require treatment by a physician.

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Office (Room B302; aa@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

F. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The link can also be found in the left column on the course page. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

- *[Readings: Fundamentals of Addiction, Chs. 1 - 8, 11- 13, 16, 17, 20, 26, 29]*
 - *Understanding addiction (Day One)*
 - *Theories of addiction*

- *Addiction and the brain*
- *Continuum of use*
- *Substance use disorders, concurrent disorders and behavioral addictions*
- *Etiology, risk and resiliency factors, prevalence (Day 2)*
- *Major psychoactive substances*
- *Detoxification and withdrawal management*
- *Treatment Models and Approaches*
 - *Screening, assessment and continuum of treatment*
 - *Treatment components, treatment matching, referral and accessing the treatment system in Ontario (Day 3)*
 - *TTM and motivational interviewing*
 - *Harm reduction and abstinence models*
 - *Addiction and systems: individuals, couples, families, communities*
 - *Trauma and substance use*
 - *Pain and addiction (Day 4)*
 - *Pregnancy and addiction*
- *Related Issues*
 - *Legal & Ethical issues and addiction*
 - *Spirituality and addiction*
 - *Smoking cessation*
 - *Gambling and pornography*
 - *Group presentations (Day 5)*
 - *Watch final case for major paper*

V. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

(Tyndale Library supports this course with [e-journals and e-books](#). See the [Library FAQ page](#).)

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