I. Course Description
Course content will facilitate understanding of parent-child interactional patterns across the life-cycle and development of educational and therapeutic strategies to prevent and/or treat difficulties in the parent-child relationship. Topics include assessment issues, children and teens in larger contexts, developmentally appropriate interventions, and special problems and populations.

II. Rationale
This course is a core class in the marriage and family counseling track. Community and school counseling track students and students from other related areas may take the class as an elective.

III. State Adopted Proficiencies for Counselors covered in this class are the following:
Learner-Centered Knowledge:

A. School Counselor (State Adopted)
   1. Learner Centered Knowledge
   2. Equity in Excellence for All Learners
   3. Learner Centered Support System

B. Professional Counselor (Academic Competencies required by Texas State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors)
   1. Counseling Methods/Techniques
   2. Social, Cultural, and Family Issues
   3. Ethics and Professional Issues

C. Marriage and Family Therapist (Academic Areas required by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists)
   1. Assessment and treatment in marriage and family therapy
   2. Ethics and professional issues
   3. Human development
   4. Family studies

IV. TExES Competencies

Standard I. Learner-Centered Knowledge: The certified school counselor has a broad knowledge base. The certified school counselor must know and understand:
(2) counseling and consultation theories and practices;
(5) changing societal trends, including demographic, economic, and technological tendencies, and their relevance to school counseling;
(6) environmental, social, and cultural factors that affect learners' development and the relevance of those factors to guidance and counseling programs;
(7) learners' developmental characteristics and needs and their relevance to educational and career choices;
(8) legal and ethical standards, practices, and issues;
Standard II. Learner-Centered Skills: The certified school counselor applies the knowledge base to promote the educational, personal, social, and career development of the learner. The certified school counselor must: (4) consult with parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and other individuals as appropriate to enhance their work with students; (5) coordinate resources for students within the school and community; (9) use counseling-related research techniques and practices to address student needs; and (10) advocate for a developmental guidance and counseling program that is responsive to all students.

Standard III. Learner-Centered Process: The certified school counselor participates in the development, monitoring, and evaluation of a developmental school guidance and counseling program that promotes learners' knowledge, skills, motivation, and personal growth. The certified school counselor must: (1) collaborate with others in the school and community to implement a guidance curriculum that promotes learners' development in all domains, including cognitive, social, and emotional areas; (4) implement effective referral procedures to facilitate the use of special programs and services; and (5) act as a consultant and/or coordinator to help learners achieve success inside and outside of school.

Standard IV. Learner-Centered Equity and Excellence for All Learners: The certified school counselor promotes academic success for all learners by acknowledging, respecting, and responding to diversity while building on similarities that bond all people. The certified school counselor must: (1) understand learner differences, including those related to cultural background, gender, ethnicity, and learning styles, and know ways to create and maintain a positive school environment that is responsive to all learners; (2) advocate for a school environment in which diversity is acknowledged and respected, resulting in positive interactions across cultures; and

Standard V. Learner-Centered Communications: The certified school counselor, an advocate for all students and the school, demonstrates effective professional and interpersonal communication skills. The certified school counselor must: (3) support responsive interventions by effectively communicating with parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, and community members; (6) facilitate parent/guardian involvement in their children's education; (7) develop partnerships with parents/guardians, businesses, and other groups in the community to facilitate learning; and

Standard VI. Learner-Centered Professional Development: The certified school counselor continues professional development, demonstrating a commitment to learn, to improve the profession, and to model professional ethics and personal integrity. The certified school counselor must: (2) use counseling-related research techniques and practices as well as technology and other resources to facilitate continued professional growth; (3) strive toward the highest level of professionalism by adhering to and modeling professional, ethical, and legal standards;
unintentional oppression and discrimination.

CACREP Standard F.3.a. – theories of individual and family development across the lifespan.
CACREP Standard F.3.f. – systemic and environmental factors that affect human development, functioning, and behavior.
CACREP Standard F.3.i. – ethical and culturally relevant strategies for promoting resilience and optimum development and wellness across the lifespan.
CACREP Standard F.4.b. – approaches for conceptualizing the interrelationships among and between work, mental well-being, relationships, and other life roles and factors.
CACREP Standard F.4.d. – approaches for assessing the conditions of the work environment on clients’ life experiences.
CACREP Standard F.5.b. – a systems approach to conceptualizing clients.
CACREP Standard F.5.d. – ethical and culturally relevant strategies for establishing and maintaining in-person and technology-assisted relationships.
CACREP Standard F.5.f. – counselor characteristics and behaviors that influence the counseling process.

CACREP Standard F.5.h. – developmentally relevant counseling treatment or intervention plans.
CACREP Standard F.5.j. – evidence-based counseling strategies and techniques for prevention and intervention.
CACREP Standard F.5.k. – strategies to promote client understanding of and access to a variety of community-based resources.
CACREP Standard F.5.m. – crisis intervention, trauma-informed, and community-based strategies, such as Psychological First Aid
CACREP Standard F.5.n. – processes for aiding students in developing a personal model of counseling.
CACREP Standard F.6.d. – characteristics and functions of effective group leaders.
CACREP Standard F.7.b. – methods of effectively preparing for and conducting initial assessment meetings.
CACREP Standard F.7.c. – procedures for assessing risk of aggression or danger to others, self-inflicted harm, or suicide.

CACREP Standard F.7.d. – procedures for identifying trauma and abuse and for reporting abuse.
CACREP Standard F.7.e. – use of assessments for diagnostic and intervention planning purposes.
CACREP Standard F.7.j. – use of environmental assessments and systemic behavioral observations.
CACREP Standard F.8.a. – the importance of research in advancing the counseling profession, including how to critique research to inform counseling practice.
CACREP Standard F.8.c. – needs assessment.

SECTION 5: ENTRY-LEVEL SPECIALTY AREAS – MARRIAGE, COUPLE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

CACREP Standard F.1.b. – theories and models of family systems and dynamics.
CACREP Standard F.1.c. – theories and models of marriage, couple, and family counseling.

CACREP Standard F.1.d. – sociology of the family, family phenomenology, and family of origin theories.
SLO: The student will explain sociology of the family, family phenomenology, and family of origin theories as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, Family Interview and Report, Parenting Education Presentation and Handout, and class discussion participation grade.
CACREP Standard F.1.e. – principles and models of assessment and case conceptualization from a systems perspective.
SLO: The student will understand the principles and models of assessment and case conceptualization from a systems perspective as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, case conceptualization paper, and class discussion participation grade.

CACREP Standard F.1.f. - assessments relevant to marriage, couple, and family counseling.
CACREP Standard F.2.c. – family assessments, including diagnostic interviews, genograms, family mapping, mental health diagnostic status examinations, symptom inventories, and psychoeducation and personality assessments.
CACREP Standard F.2.f. – aging and intergenerational influences and related family concerns.
CACREP Standard F.2.g. – impact of crises and trauma on marriages, couples, and families.
SLO: The student will identify the impact of crises and trauma on marriages, couples, and families as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam and Family Interview and Report.

CACREP Standard F.2.h. – impact of addiction on marriages, couples, and families.
SLO: The student will explain the effects of addiction on marriages, couples, and families as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, Family Interview and Report, and Parenting Education
CACREP Standard F.2.a. – impact of interpersonal violence on marriages, couples, and families.
CACREP Standard F.2.j. – impact of unemployment, under-employment, and changes in socioeconomic standing on marriages, couples, and families.
CACREP Standard F.2.k. – interactions of career, life, and gender roles on marriages, couples, and families.
CACREP Standard F.2.l. – physical, mental health, and psychopharmacological factors affecting marriages, couples, and families.
CACREP Standard F.2.m. – cultural factors relevant to marriage, couple, and family functioning, including the impact of immigration.
SLO: The student will identify cultural factors relevant to marriage, couple, and family functioning, including the impact of immigration as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, Family Interview and Report, and class discussion participation grade.
CACREP Standard F.2.o. – ethical and legal considerations and family law issues unique to the practice of marriage, couple, and family counseling.
CACREP Standard F.3.a. – assessment, evaluation, and case management for working with individuals, couples and families from a systems perspective.
SLO: The student will demonstrate the ability to provide assessment, evaluation, and case management for working with individuals, couples and families from a systems perspective as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam and completion of the case conceptualization assignment.
CACREP Standard F.3.b. – fostering family wellness.
SLO: The student will demonstrate fostering family wellness approaches in MCFC as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a Family Interview and Report, Parenting Education Presentation and Handout, and class discussion participation grade.
CACREP Standard F.3.d. - conceptualizing and implementing treatment, planning, and intervention strategies in marriage, couple, and family counseling.
SLO: The student will demonstrate the ability to conceptualize and implement treatment, planning, and intervention strategies in marriage, couple, and family counseling as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, Family Interview and Report, and class discussion participation grade.

SECTION 5: ENTRY-LEVEL SPECIALTY AREAS – SCHOOL COUNSELING
CACREP Standard G.2.a. – school counselor roles as leaders, advocates, and systems change agents in P-12 schools.
SLO: The student will explain school counselor roles as leaders, advocates, and systems change agents in P-12 schools as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, Parenting Education Presentation and Handout, and class discussion participation grade.
CACREP Standard G.2.b. – school counselor roles in consultation with families, P-12 and postsecondary school personnel, and community agencies.
SLO: The student will demonstrate school counselor roles in consultation with families, P-12 and postsecondary school personnel, and community agencies as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, Parenting Education Presentation and Handout, and class discussion participation grade.
CACREP Standard G.2.i. - signs and symptoms of substance abuse in children and adolescents, as well as the signs and symptoms of living in a home where substance abuse occurs.
SLO: The student will explain the symptoms of substance abuse in children and adolescents, as well as in the home, as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam and Parenting Education Presentation and Handout.
CACREP Standard G.2.k. – community resources and referral sources.
CACREP Standard G.3.d. – interventions to promote academic development.
SLO: The student will identify interventions to promote academic development as measured by a successful passing rate of 80% on a comprehensive exam, Parenting Education Presentation and Handout, and class discussion participation grade.
CACREP Standard G.3.f. – techniques of personal/social counseling in school setting.
CACREP Standard G.3.h. – skills to critically examine the connections between social, familial, emotional, and behavioral...
problems and academic achievement.
CACREP Standard G.3.l. – techniques to foster collaboration and teamwork within schools.
CACREP Standard G.3.m. – strategies for implementing and coordinating peer intervention programs.
CACREP Standard G.3.o. – use of data to advocate for programs and students.

VI. Course Topics
Family counseling with child and teen problems, treating children in context, developmental issues, special problems, diverse populations, advocacy, legal/ethical issues, prevention, parent education, and counseling approaches including structural, solution focused, narrative, integrative, emotionally focused and internal family systems.

VII. Instructional methods and activities
Lecture, cooperative/interactive learning, video, out-of-class and in-class assignments, case studies, role play, examination

VIII. Evaluation and Grade Assignment

Course Requirements:

Comprehensive Examination
There will be a comprehensive examination on material from textbooks, lecture, discussion. The test is lengthy, so students are urged to utilize study materials accordingly through the semester. Students should not procrastinate when preparing for the exam. Please see Class Policies for further details regarding academic honesty. 20 points.

Participation/topic quizzes
You will be responsible for attending each class and being prepared to contribute to class discussion by completing the assigned reading material on the session topic. Class participation will involve opportunities to participate in role-play, mock counseling sessions, and other experiential activities. Students are to be prepared for a written/oral short “topic quiz,” given intermittently during the course. These short tests will not be announced prior to the class session in which they are given. Scores on each oral/written topic quiz, as well as unexcused absences and tardy arrivals, will be calculated into points given for participation. Promptness is expected, as is staying for the entire class. Please see Class Policies for further details. 10 points.

Family Interview and Report
Interview members of your immediate family who played a significant role in your development. (If immediate family members are not available, you can interview extended family members or others who had a strong influence on you when you were a child/adolescent.) Please note that placing the interview within a theoretical context is an essential part of this learning experience, and only presenting a personal reflection, without the comparison perspective, will not be accepted.

Place the family members’ recollections within the framework of theoretical material covered in your textbook chapters, and write a report on what you learned about yourself, your family, and how the background information would color your work in counseling children/adolescents. In addition, your report must include: a) a description of your family’s culture and any multicultural issues and attitudes, and effects thereof; b) events in the family that were considered traumatic (either then or in retrospect) and the impact on the family; and, c) issues related to health or psychological well-being, including addictions and the impact on your family.

Basically, ask questions to understand the family’s development and beliefs about how families thrive, and evaluate those beliefs through one of the systemic theoretical perspectives described in your textbook. You may include issues of parenting, wellness, maintaining relationships, or other thematic information that surfaces in the interviews. Expand upon information in the text by using additional resources, as well. Feel free to share your impressions on the guardian(s) actions—positive, negative, or between. Please be sure to provide citations to support your evaluation. A minimum of five (5) sources in addition to material from textbook(s) or supplemental information posted by the instructor on Blackboard is required. Please format citations and a list of references in correct APA style. Please turn in your assignment, printed on paper, with the Turnitin information attached behind the interview report. The report is to be 8-10 pages long, formatted

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According to APA guidelines. See class policies for further details. Use Turnitin for this assignment. 35 points.

Parenting Education Presentation and Handout

Students will form groups of 2-4 members to complete this project. Please submit the “Group Evaluation by Members” form at the end of the semester for the project.

Please read class policies concerning managing possible problems between group members. Remember to consult the instructor EARLY in the semester if problems arise—don’t wait until it is too late to take action. Learning to effectively work in groups is part of professional skills development.

Your group will devise a hypothetical parent training program based on books, articles, and course material—think in terms of primary prevention education and counseling. Group members will read 2-3 books on parenting, plus 3-5 scholarly articles (in addition to material provided by the instructor in class or on Blackboard). The books can be “popular” parenting books directed toward the general public (as long as they come from a reputable source) as well as those from more scholarly sources.

Your group will decide which program components will be included. Examples include parent education, skills training, support groups, family/individual counseling, etc. Groups will give a 15-20 minute presentation providing an overview of your hypothetical program and will offer an example of the program’s parenting skills information. The focus is on being able to offer parenting strategies in a concrete manner—but to also explain these strategies within the context of particular family counseling model(s) we have studied in class.

Marriage, couple, and family counseling and clinical mental health counseling emphasis students will present as if speaking at a community conference, telling parents about your program—offering information on both specific parenting strategies and the theoretical perspective(s) on which the interventions are based. School counseling emphasis students will present as if speaking at a parents’ meeting. Your group may focus on a particular age range and/or on particular issues/concerns (i.e., divorce, substance abuse, family violence, parenting toddlers). A PowerPoint presentation is not required, but may be used if desired. Each group must also provide a handout related to your presentation. The handout should summarize your presentation as well as provide practical additional activities and/or information. The PowerPoint may be used as a basis for the handout, but is insufficient alone. Use Turnitin for your handout and supplemental materials (if any). 15 points.

Case Conceptualization

Utilizing the case scenario provided, write a paper that includes the use of systems assessment models and procedures that could be used to evaluate family functioning. Also determine which members of the family system should be involved in the treatment process. In addition to material provided by the instructor in class or on Blackboard, students are required to use current and relevant research from scholarly sources. This paper is to be 6-10 pages in length using correct APA format and citations. 20 points.

Grading: A= 90 – 100 points
B= 80 - 89 points
C= 70 - 79 points
D= 60 - 69 points

IX. Course Schedule and Policies

CNEP 5326, Family Counseling with Children & Adolescents,

(Note: Additional required readings are titled as such and posted on Blackboard.)

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Communication and office hours:

Instructor:
For emails or voicemails, please be sure to reference your name, course number/title, and date/time so it is clear which class you are in.

Phone: Please call during business hours, M-Th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Fri from 9:00 AM to noon. Please send an email for communication outside of office hours, and on weekends/holidays. Cell phone text messages and computer instant-messaging are not accepted by the instructor.

Email:
To facilitate responding to emails, please also include a correct return email address in the message body or signature.

Meetings by appointment. Please email to schedule an appointment.

Statement of Civility*

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi is a comprehensive urban university located on the South Texas Gulf Coast focusing on the higher education needs of South Texas and the State. Our student body represents the diversity of our State, and will provide its future leaders. Together, the students, faculty and staff from our campus community, reflect a variety of backgrounds and cultures. The quality of life on and about the campus is best served by courteous and dignified interaction between all individuals, regardless of sex, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, or disability.

It is the expectation of this University that all members of the campus community will work to develop and maintain a high degree of respect and civility for the wealth of diversity in which we are all fortunate to live and work. To ensure that this expectation is met, the University will take whatever action is necessary to prevent, correct, and discipline behavior which violates the spirit and intent of regulations designed to promote respect and civility, and will take whatever steps are necessary to foster mutual respect among the campus community.


* This policy also applies to interaction with guest speakers and members of our community.

Class Policies

Accommodations

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Driftwood 101. If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

Students needing special accommodations should make arrangements at the beginning of the semester—at least one week prior to specified deadlines for examinations or assignments. (Please do not approach the instructor and ask for special accommodations after a deadline has been missed, or if a student is unhappy with a grade, etc.) Students with mobility, communication, learning, and health issues that qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act need to make arrangements through the appropriate university office and provide the required paperwork to the instructor—prior to the deadline for the assignment or examination.

Students needing accommodations for situations that may not qualify under ADA definitions, such as needing special translation services, are reminded to make arrangements with the instructor at least one week before posted deadlines.

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Attendance

You will be responsible for attending each class and being prepared to contribute to group and/or class discussion by completing the assigned reading material on the session topic prior to class. Counseling/therapy in various venues requires a high level of personal responsibility within the profession to maintain client welfare. You will be graded on participation, professional/ethical conduct, and preparation for discussion.

Class attendance is mandatory. It is the student’s responsibility to be present if roll is called or to sign an attendance roster when distributed. To receive an “excused absence” for a class session, or to explain need for tardiness/leaving early, notification must be given via email BEFORE the class session—do not just casually notify the instructor verbally. Unexcused absences, and multiple incidents of tardiness/leaving early, will affect points given for participation. Promptness is expected, as is staying for the entire class.

However, please be respectful and do NOT come to class if you are ill, and please do not bring a sick child to class. If using the protocol described to inform the instructor, illness would be considered an excused absence. Please consider the wellbeing of the group; please do not expose fellow students to a possibly contagious illness.

**If there is tardiness or absence for any reason (excused or unexcused), it is the student’s responsibility to have a thorough understanding of material covered during the missed class time and to obtain handouts, notes, etc., from another student. When absent, students are still responsible for assignment deadlines.

Confidentiality

Maintaining confidentiality is expected. Participating in group activities involves some level of self-disclosure. A level of trust and openness is needed as a part of the learning process, and it is important that confidentiality be maintained. Taking photographs and making audio/video recordings during class are not allowed unless there is full disclosure and prior consent given by all parties involved. If you wish to share with others outside the class, discuss only your own reactions or experiences and maintain confidentiality regarding other’s input. This is an ethical issue.

Professional Courtesy

Please be respectful and turn off cell phones, pagers, and other electronic media devices during class. Students who talk on the phone, send messages during a class session, or are using any sort of media device, rather than participating in classroom activities, will be asked to leave the class session and will not be given credit for attending that session. In case of being on-call for work or a family emergency, to maintain professional courtesy, the correct protocol is to inform the instructor before class, put the phone on “silent notification” or “vibrate,” and quietly leave the room to talk or text.

Please be courteous and pick up your trash such as paper, food/drink containers. The instructor should not have to pick up your trash for the room to be left neat and clean for others.

A free exchange of ideas in the classroom is needed to understand different viewpoints and explore a variety of perspectives. Therefore, verbal or physical aggression will not be tolerated. Actions such as cursing or a demeaning verbal attack on any individual or group will result in the student being asked to leave the class session, and the student will not be given credit for attendance or assignments/examinations due that session. Such infractions may also result in other disciplinary or remedial actions. Please refer to the Statement of Civility.

In addition, attire should conform to common community standards as to what would be appropriate for a young child to see. Individuals wearing attire that does not meet these reasonable standards, such as clothing showing obscene words or images, will result in the student being asked to leave the class session, and the student will not be given credit for attendance or assignments/examinations due that session.

Academic Honesty

Any material—a sentence, paragraph, chart, drawing, photograph—that is copied or quoted from any print or electronic source, or resulting from another party’s efforts, must have the associated citation/reference—or this is considered plagiarism and subject to disciplinary action as described in the current university catalog. For example, if a student uses software with a copy/paste function to take another person’s work from the internet and the student claims/intimates that the work is his/her own, this is committing plagiarism. Each student is responsible for completing his or her own assignments for class. If a student asks another individual to complete work that will be misleadingly labeled as the student’s own efforts, this is a form of academic dishonesty.

Unless an assignment is explicitly described as a group project, each student is required to do his or her own work on assignments and take-home examinations. Given the ethics and accepted standard of conduct for our profession, any overture to unfairly collaborate, such as to give or get “help” on an assignment that is intended to be individual work, is academic dishonesty.

In a profession in which fidelity and trustworthiness are essential, if a student has knowledge of an act of

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academic dishonesty, the student is obligated to report the dishonesty to the instructor.

A grade of “0” or “F” will be given in cases of academic dishonesty, such as described above, or for work that has been previously submitted in another class and is being resubmitted for a current assignment. Students may be required to use specified software to verify that work was not plagiarized. Students will be given instructions regarding registration and instructions on use of the software.

Assignments

**Each student is responsible for having access to a computer to retrieve class information posted electronically, such as through Blackboard, and to verify that the student’s email address that is registered with the university system is a current (and working) email address so the instructor can use the university’s “email class” function to send class notices and required/supplemental material—or each student must get the material from another student in the class. Do not ask the instructor to make individual copies or re-send material to individual students.**

**Examinations, papers, and assignments with a due date specified in the syllabus, will not be accepted after the due date.** Students are given ample notification of course requirements and due dates. Students with an unexcused absence during examinations will not be able to take a make-up exam. (Please do not ask to be an exception to this requirement.) For a student with an excused absence, it is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements with the instructor to take a make-up exam or quiz.

All work, such as papers and reference lists, will be typed in the current APA format. If correct APA style is not used, the overall grade on the assignment will be lowered. Students’ work (papers, typed responses to examinations, and the like) must have all necessary references/citations in correct APA style, current edition, when outside sources are quoted or used for reference. Please do not turn in a copy of the original resource of cited information to the instructor, such as a copy of a journal article, unless specifically instructed to do so. Points may be deducted if students do not write at a collegiate level, using complete sentences, correct grammar/punctuation, and proofreading/spelling.

Students are reminded that they are at an educational level at which references should come from professional/scholarly sources. In other words, use peer-reviewed journals, professional texts, and the like. Using popular resources of sometimes questionable merit, such as the several internet “encyclopedias” that are appropriate for students in high school, will result in the loss of points on your grade.

A paper copy of reports, examinations, and assignments (not an electronic copy) is due on or before the specified date, with multiple pages stapled. Work should not be unbound, nor should a paper clip be used. Do not use a plastic report cover or put assignments in any sort of folder. For assignments, when the number of pages is specified, this refers to the body of the work, and not reference lists, title page, etc.

Students’ assignments, such as examinations, papers, and other assignments, will only be kept for two weeks after the last class meeting of the course. After this time, for confidentiality, students’ work will be shredded. If a student wants to retrieve a graded assignment after the last class meeting, arrangements need to be made at least one week before the due date of the project.

For examinations and all assignments, it is the student’s responsibility to be sure to put their name on their work or test form and to “bubble in” the name on a scantron in order to receive a grade. It is also the student’s responsibility to have a pencil available every class session for unannounced quizzes, write legibly, and complete computer-graded forms so they can be scored accurately. Also, it is the student’s responsibility to submit a scantron that can be electronically graded, that is, no folding, tearing, wrinkling, and the like. If a scantron form is damaged or not properly identified, the test will not be graded and considered “no credit.” If there is talking during an examination or unauthorized use of written material such as notes, texts, etc., the student will be asked to leave and will fail that examination with the grade of zero. In most cases, the student will be asked to not write on the original test so it can be reused.

For PowerPoint presentations, because of university equipment variability, please store PowerPoint presentations on two types of electronic media such as CD and memory stick. If you are giving a presentation that requires equipment such as a PowerPoint projector, computer (and if internet connection is needed) it is the student’s responsibility to notify the instructor by email at least one week prior to your presentation date so that arrangements can be made.

Incomplete grades will be granted only when extraordinary circumstances arise and are the exception to the rule. Be aware that incomplete grades require paperwork from the student as well as from the professor, it is the student’s

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responsibility to meet with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the deadline for turning in grades if an incomplete is a necessity.

Group Work

When group work is assigned, there are occasional problems with one or more members not being responsible to the others in the group. If there are problems with an individual not attending meetings or not completing assignments by an agreed date, etc., students are reminded to inform the instructor as soon as possible. Do not wait until shortly before the assignment deadline to inform the instructor because then it is too late for remedial action. It is each student’s individual responsibility to notify the instructor in a timely manner if it appears that certain group members are not contributing to a class project. In addition, when group work is assigned, students will also be asked to complete a confidential evaluation form of fellow group members. (For those group members who are not responsible for completing their equitable share of work, those members will lose points on their grade.)

Communication

For emails or voicemails, please be sure to reference your name, course number/title, and class date/time so it is clear which course you are in. To facilitate responding to emails, please also include a correct return email address in the message body or signature. Cell phone text messages and computer instant-messaging are not accepted by the instructor. (Receipt of emails or voicemails may not be verified.)

Please note that the instructor has provided office and personal telephone numbers and email addresses to facilitate communication. As the instructor is preparing to exit the classroom, please do not expect to be able to have an extended conversation after a class session. Such impromptu communications do not provide required confidentiality, and typically, the instructor will need to leave to teach another class. For personal communications, please email, call, or set an appointment to meet with the instructor. Also, please recognize that the instructor will talk about an issue directly relating to counseling or your experience as a student, but is not in a position to offer advice on general personal problems. To avoid dual relationships, the instructor cannot act as a personal counselor for students’ general problems and will recommend working with a mental health professional.

Though courtesy and thoughtful intentions are appreciated, please do not send forwarded jokes, chain letters, solicitations for donations, and similar SPAM-type emails to the instructor. Please only send emails directly relating to university business or the field of counseling.

X. Textbook(s)

The textbook(s) adopted for this course is/are:


Also, required and supplemental reading selections—and general course information—will be provided by the instructor, with material provided during class sessions or electronic copies posted on Blackboard.

XI. Bibliography

*Please refer to the reference lists and resources posted by the instructor in Blackboard.*

*The knowledge bases that support course content and procedures include:*

A. Some Video Resources in the Bell Library Media Center

*Active Parenting Today* [Kit]


*Understanding the defiant child* [videorecording]/Russell A. Barkley

*Early Childhood STEP* [kit]: Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Children under Six [videorecording]/Don Dinkmeyer, Sr., Gary D. McKay, & Don Dinkmeyer, Jr.

*STEP-Systematic Training for Effective Parenting* [videorecording]/Don Dinkmeyer, Sr., Gary D. McKay, Don

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B. Bibliography


C. Supplemental Readings:


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**XII. Grade Appeals**

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

**XIII. Disabilities Accommodations**

*Please also refer to Class Policies regarding students requesting accommodations.*

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Driftwood 101.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

**XIV. Rubrics**

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# Family Interview and Report Rubric

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<th>Content Area:</th>
<th>Brief description provided; not accurately connected to theoretical orientation; missing content; 5 or more APA errors (0-1 points).</th>
<th>Fair description provided; evaluated within the context of theoretical orientation with some minor (&lt;2) errors; between 1 and 4 APA errors (2-3 points).</th>
<th>Thorough description and explanation of perspective provided, and evaluated accurately within the context of theoretical orientation; correct APA format and citations (4-5 points).</th>
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<td>A description of your family’s culture and any multicultural issues and attitudes, and effects thereof is provided.</td>
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<td>A description of how this background information will influence your work in counseling families with children is provided.</td>
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<td>At least 8 pages in length with correct APA style format and citations.</td>
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**Total Points Earned**

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## Parenting Presentation and Handout Rubric

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<th>Fair description provided; fair connection with a family counseling theory with some minor (&lt;2) errors; between 1 and 4 APA errors (2-3 points).</th>
<th>Thorough description and explanation of the program provided, and connected accurately with a family counseling theory; correct APA format and citations (4-5 points).</th>
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<td>15-20 presentation providing an overview of the program as well as the connection of the content to a family counseling theory; and an example of the program’s parenting skills information is provided.</td>
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## Case Conceptualization Rubric

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<td>The family functioning in the case example provided is evaluated using a family counseling theory assessment model.</td>
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<td>Utilizing the same family systems theory, determine which members of the family system should be involved in the treatment process, and why.</td>
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Total Points Awarded: _______

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Group Member Evaluation Form

Please provide the names of both the person being evaluated as well as the person providing the evaluation, and place a check in the appropriate box indicating the group member’s involvement in this assignment. Please provide additional comments in the space provided. Thank you.

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