

Course	COUN 5680 Counseling in the School Setting		
Term, Day, Time	Spring 1, 2010 – Saturday #2 – 8:00am-5:00pm 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, & 2/27 (1pm - 5pm)		
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Catalog Description/ Content Area	COUN 5680 Counseling in the School Setting This course examines counseling practices in relation to children and adolescents in the school setting and the role and function of the counselor as a partner in the learning process. Focus is on developmental needs and age-related issues. Special problems of physical and sexual abuse, substance abuse, suicide, and grief are examined. Content Area: Human Growth and Development AS RELATED to school emphasis and some Helping Rxs AS RELATED to school emphasis		
Learning and Skills Outcome Objectives	<i>Upon successful completion of this class students will be able to:</i> 1. Demonstrate understanding of a comprehensive counseling program including the role of technology in program delivery; 2. Identify the importance of individual counseling with a focus upon brief counseling approaches and issues affecting the development and functioning of school-age children (Empathetic; Knowledgeable; 3. Demonstrate understanding of developmentally structured activities, peer helper groups, classroom guidance, and programs for the total school community that address successful learning; and 4. Demonstrate understanding for the place of parental involvement in educational transitions and developmental life crises.		
Materials	Schmidt, J.J. (2008). Counseling in the Schools . (5th Edition). Allyn and Bacon. ISBN# 0-205-54040-6 To Order Textbooks go to the local North FL website @ www.webster.edu/jack and click on Order Textbooks or go directly to www.mbsdirect.net. Note: Textbooks should be ordered 2 weeks prior to class to ensure delivery.		
Method of Instruction	Students will learn through a variety of methods which include, but are not limited to lecture, text readings, discussion, group interactions, field experience, and research assignments.		
Grading	Assignments	Maximum Points	

• Field Experience Project/Presentation	15 Points
• Research Paper (Including Passports)	20 Points
• High Facilitative Response Model (2 @ 5 pts. Each)	10 Points
• Essays/Readings (6)	20 Points
• Group Presentation	20 Points
• Video	5 Points
• Class Participation and Attendance	<u>10 Points</u>
TOTAL	100 Points

Letter grades will be assigned pursuant to the following scores based on the percent of the total possible points (weighted according to the scale above) that you earned in the course.

Percentage of Total Points	Grade
95%-100%	A
90%-94%	A-
88%-89%	B+
84%-87%	B
80%-83%	B-
70%-79%	C
Below 70%	F

Realize that the grading of this course has a subjective component to it based upon the experience of the instructor. The Counseling faculty recognizes that counseling skills and counselor effectiveness cannot be assessed in the same manner as academic performance in typical university coursework. Students completing this course should *demonstrate marked progress toward the course objectives* as noted above as well as show strong interpersonal skills and be able to write coherently on course topics. Your final grade in this course will reflect *not only your academic performance but also your counseling skill development as evaluated by the instructor*. For example, it is possible to excel academically and receive a final grade less than an A or B. Thus, all grades will reflect a combination of *objective and subjective* assessment.

Note that writing competency is important in graduate school. The grade penalty is heavy for lack of simple proofing of grammar and spelling on all assignments. As a graduate student and counselor in training,

	<p>you have a responsibility to the profession and those you will be representing/counseling to write professionally. Take this task seriously and consult the Academic Resource Center for assistance.</p>
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Student activities may include: presentations, role play, case vignettes, research assignments, current events and field experiences.</p> <p>Field Experience Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A half-day field experience followed by a 2-3 page summary of activities is required. Student will present a creative class presentation. <p>Research Paper Including Passports Internet Proficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Research Paper will be 8 to 10 pages, one-inch margins, printed on one side of the page only, standard white bond paper, and conforming to <u>Research Paper Guidelines</u> (see website http://www.webster.edu/jack). Please note, your paper will be evaluated on content and the degree to which it conforms to <u>Research Paper Guidelines</u> as expressed in the sample paper provided to you. • Ten citations from professional journals is the minimum for a graduate level research paper. • Grammar, spelling, punctuation are expected to be perfect in a graduate level paper. • Students are expected to access Passports Internet as a documented component of the Research Paper. • Each week a 2-3 page reaction paper to the readings is due. Essays will be presented in a seminar format. <p>Class Participation and Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are expected to attend all class sessions of every course for the full 36 contact hours. In the case of unavoidable absence, the student must contact the instructor. The student is subject to appropriate academic penalty for incomplete or unacceptable makeup work, or for excessive or unexcused absences. Generally, a student who misses more than one four-hour course period (per course) without a documented military or medical excuse and advanced permission of the instructor should withdraw from the class. The University reserves the right to involuntarily drop enrolled students from classes, which they do not attend. <u>Students who do not attend the first class session, who have not made prior arrangements with the instructor for being absent, will be dropped from their courses.</u> • Attendance the last day of class is mandatory to ensure that all work is completed and to be awarded a passing grade. An Incomplete will not be acceptable without documental proof (Death Notice, Doctor's Letter, etc.) as to absence relating to non-completion of class work. These must be faxed 904-262-1459 or dropped off to Webster University by the Monday after the term ends. • Participants are expected to arrive on time and be become actively involved in the learning experience. Each student should desire not only

	<p>to learn, participate, and but also to proactively contribute to the learning of others during each discussion and exercise. Students are to participate in classroom discussions. The discussions are an opportunity for students to reveal their understanding of the assignments made for the current and previous classes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assignments are given to prepare the student to; therefore, it is imperative that reading assignments and associated questions for discussion be completed prior to class. • A maximum of 10 points will be awarded based on the level and quality of participation and preparation. • Failure to turn in an assignment within one week will result in a grade of "0" for that assignment. In addition, failure to submit an assignment will lower the final grade by an additional two points. • All assignments are due as detailed in the Course Schedule. • Late assignments will be accepted, if they are turned in no later than one week later, but will be penalized one letter grade. Furthermore, late assignments will lower the student's final grade by an additional one point. • Late assignments will not be accepted for the final assignments the last week of the course to allow timely completion and grades to be submitted.
<p>Policy Statements: University Policies</p>	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p><u>Academic Honesty</u> The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p><u>Drops and Withdrawals</u> Be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals in the Graduate Studies Catalogue to find out what the deadlines are for dropping a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p><u>Special Services</u> If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p> <p><u>Disturbances</u> By university policy, every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption. Therefore, disruption of class is not acceptable. Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with dignity and respect, especially in cases where a diversity of opinion arises. Students who engage in disruptive behavior, including disrespectful</p>

comments or behaviors, lack of attendance, silence and or lack of participation, monopolization of class discussion, etc., are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course and potentially, dismissal from the program.

The carrying of weapons onto campus is forbidden.

Conduct:

Students enrolling in a degree program at Webster University assume the obligation of conducting themselves in a manner compatible with the University's function as an education institution. Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline may be divided into the following categories:

1. All forms of dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
2. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other University activities or of other authorized activities on University premises.
3. Classroom disruption. Behavior occurring within the academic arena, including but not limited to classroom disruption or obstruction of teaching, is within the jurisdiction of Academic Affairs. In case of alleged campus and/or classroom disruption or obstruction, a faculty member and/or administrator may take immediate action to restore order and/or to prevent further disruption (e.g. removal of student[s] from class or other setting). Faculty members have original jurisdiction to address the immediacy of a situation, as they deem appropriate. When necessary and appropriate, Public Safety and/or the local [or military] police may be contacted to assist with restoring peace and order. Faculty response is forwarded to the academic dean (or his or her designee) for review and, if necessary, further action. Further action might include permanent removal from the course. Repeated offenses could lead to removal from the program and/or the University.
4. Theft of or damage to property of the University. Students who cheat or plagiarize may receive a failing grade for the course in which the cheating or plagiarism took place.

Students who engage in any of the above misconducts may be subject to dismissal from the University on careful consideration by the executive vice president of the University or his designee. To the extent that penalties for any of these misconducts (e.g. theft or destruction of property) are prescribed by law, the University will consider appropriate action under such laws.

Students are subject to the Student Code of Conduct and Judicial Procedure described in the Online Student Handbook and to the Counselor Education Program Student Handbook.

<p>Course Policies</p>	<p><u>Self-Awareness, Safety of Disclosure, Appropriate Interpersonal Skills and ACA Code of Ethics:</u></p> <p>In the interaction between class members, self-disclosure and personal examination will occur. All interactions fall under the same umbrella of confidentiality as do client/counselor relationships, i.e., what is discussed in the class stays in the class and is not discussed with other students outside of the course or friends. Any violations of the ethical standards will be dealt with accordingly. Maintaining confidentiality is the primary ethical principle of counselors. If a student fails to maintain the confidentiality of clients or classmates, the student risks a failing grade in the course. In addition, the instructor will refer the breach of confidentiality to the Counseling Advisory Committee for disciplinary action of the student.</p> <p>We will be learning from each other in addition to the text throughout the semester. Therefore, it is important that everyone feels safe, comfortable, and free to discuss and elaborate on their thoughts around their developing knowledge and skills. In class, it is important for each of us to be respectful of one another's positions; relating to others in an empathic manner occurs in class <i>just as with clients</i>. You are encouraged to make your feelings and thoughts known, yet, to do so in a "counselor manner", i.e., respecting the position of listener while giving voice to your thoughts and using your budding counselor attending skills. This is an opportunity for you to practice and evidence your basic skills of empathy, warmth, genuineness, and congruence by communicating in a manner consistent with a good counselor. The building of trusting alliances with your classmates is as important as doing so with your clients. Therefore, you will be practicing some of the same skills when participating in class as in counseling sessions with your clients one day.</p> <p>Further, openness to supervision and instruction by the instructor can become an issue for some students and is, therefore, emphasized here. Openness to supervision is defined as: accepting supervision—both individual and in class; recognizing your own personal strengths, weaknesses, biases, needs, and beliefs; sensing personal and professional impact on others, both positive and negative; accepting and applying feedback from instructor; seeking out needed experiences, feedback, etc., in a proactive way; and accepting feedback in a non-defensive manner with a professional attitude.</p> <p>Students who do not evidence openness to supervision and or appropriate interpersonal skills are subject to remediation by the Counseling Advisory Committee at the campus. See the student handbook and or catalog for further detail.</p> <p><i>ACA Code of Ethics (2005)</i> <i>Counselors-in-training have a responsibility to understand and follow the ACA Code of Ethics and adhere to applicable laws, regulatory policies, and rules and policies governing professional staff behavior at the agency or placement setting. Students have the same obligation to clients as those required of</i></p>
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	<p><i>professional counselors.</i> (See C.1., H.1.)</p> <p><u>Cell Phones</u> Turn off all cell phones during class unless otherwise advised by the instructor.</p> <p><u>Academic Integrity</u> All of your work in this class should be original to you and to this class. You are expected to explore, analyze, and discuss the ideas of others, but you must give them proper credit through citations and references. You may continue to explore an area of interest, but you must do new or additional research and writing.</p> <p>Recycling papers from other coursework is not acceptable.</p> <p>According to the <i>Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association</i> (2001), plagiarism involves presenting the work of another as if it were your own work. It is very important that you give appropriate credit to others when you use their work. If you paraphrase someone else’s work, you must also give them credit with a citation.</p> <p>All students are expected to know what constitutes plagiarism and to avoid committing plagiarism in their written work. Plagiarism will not be excused by ignorance on the student’s part. If you believe that you do not have a clear understanding of plagiarism, see your instructor immediately and before any written work is turned in.</p> <p><u>Course Attendance:</u> The University reserves the right to drop students who do not attend class the first two weeks of the term/semester. Absences will result in a significant loss of learning, which will not be recouped through borrowing a classmate's notes. Students are expected to attend all class sessions of every course. It is expected that you will come to class having completed the reading assignments and will ask questions and participate in all activities. You may also be asked to self-disclose in a training environment.</p> <p>The student is subject to appropriate academic penalty for incomplete or unacceptable makeup work, or for excessive or unexcused absences. See <i>Grading</i> for further information.</p> <p>Note: To achieve the objectives of this course, this syllabus may be revised at the discretion of the instructor without prior notification or consent of the student.</p>
<p>Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>Pre-Assignments for Session 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 1 and 2

	<p>Session 7</p>	<p>AM Session 8am – Noon THEME: Student Appraisal Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Chapter 9: Student Appraisal and Chapter 10: Educational and Career Development • Group Presentation #3 Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) _____ 2) 3) _____ 4) • Role Plays (Practice HFRM) 1) _____ 2) 3) _____ 4) • Videos: 1) _____ 2) • Passport: Students will access Passport as time permits
	<p>Session 8</p>	<p>PM Session 1-5pm THEME: Professional Ethics and Program Evaluation Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar on Chapter 11: Evaluation of School Counseling Programs and Chapter 12: Professional Ethics and Legal Issues • Group Presentation #4 Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) _____ 2) 3) _____ 4) • Passports: Students will have time (minimum 30 minutes) to access Passports to work on term research paper • 20 minute group interaction <p>Assignments for Session 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Paper Due
	<p>Session 9</p>	<p>PM Session 1-5pm THEME: Closure Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative Field Presentations • Evaluate Class • Turn in Research PAPERS • Closure Activity

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