Rehab 614: Motivation Interviewing

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Instructor:
Email:
Office Hours:

CLASS LOCATION/TIME:

Location: class meets online through Blackboard, for 3, two-hour classes, followed by a one-week intensive on campus, where the class meets in person for 4 hours a day, Monday through Friday.

Dates/Times:

Course Description:

The purpose of the course is to provide the student with an understanding of the basic skills of counseling related to active listening and accurate empathy. In addition the course will provide students with the foundation of the theory and practice of motivational interviewing as an evidence-based practice in the rehabilitation counseling profession. Professional ethical sociocultural issues in the client/counselor relationship will be discussed. Lecture, role play, and audio will be used to augment the student's understanding of the process of change.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will learn the basic skills of active listening and accurate empathy
2. Through role play and structured exercises, students will practice relationship building and communication skills
3. Students will work at developing basic empathy, the capacity to communicate and to understand clients
4. Students will develop the ability to accurately identify and frame client problems
5. Students will develop a basic understanding of theory and practice of Motivational Interviewing skills
6. Students will become familiar with interventions designed to identify client’s strengths
7. Students will develop an understanding of the scope of their ethical responsibilities
8. Students will develop an understanding of the social, cultural and societal influences on the counselor/client relationship
**Required Texts**

**Note** Please check with instructor before purchasing the text


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**Course Structure: Interteaching:**

This course uses Interteaching, an innovative, evidence-based, behavioral method of classroom instruction. Interteaching consists of several different components (see below and handouts found on Blackboard), the most important of which is pair, or dyadic discussion. One of the best ways to learn and understand a particular piece of information is to discuss it in detail; an even better way to learn something is to teach it to someone else. In essence, by discussing the main points in a reading assignment, clarifying any topics that are confusing, and helping another person—as well as yourself—understand the pertinent information will positively impact your learning and satisfaction.

**Course Assessments:**

MI skill 60%

Course grading will be on a letter-based system, and will reflect the student’s success in achieving competency in Motivational Interviewing as outlined in the MITI manual. The component of the grade will be based on the student’s success at achieving proficiency in Motivational Interviewing during a role play with another student.


Submission of recording sheets 10%

After each set of readings and inter-teaching discussions students hand in a recording sheet. The submission of the recording sheets represents 10% of the grade.

Quizzes 30%

There will be 5 quizzes that will total 30% of the grade.

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Sample Syllabus—Detailed Syllabus Provided at Start of the Semester
### Accreditation standards

The following learning goals specific to Motivational Interviewing are outlined below:

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| Identify, describe, and utilize the spirit, skills, and strategies of Motivational Interviewing to achieve competent practice as measured by the Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity code | • Seminar presentations and discussions of the spirit, skills, and strategies of Motivational Interviewing, which allow you to recognize the model and distinguish it from other conversational approaches.  
• Video demonstrations and live demonstration that require you to appraise and criticize the use of the model by yourself and others.  
• *In vitro* practice sessions that enable you to apply the model in real conversations with your fellow students.                                                                 | CACREP 3.g 5 a.b.c.d. |
| Apply Motivational Interviewing in the field practicum                          | • Weekly meetings in dyads or triads that enable you to discuss practicum experiences and assess and debrief recorded conversations prepared by you and your fellow students.                                                   | CACREP 5 a.b.c.d. |
| Recognize and describe ethical dilemmas posed by use of Motivational Interviewing, and how those are resolved | • Seminar discussions that challenge you to identify situations in which real or apparent conflicts of interest may present, and describe methods of resolving such conflicts.  
• *In vitro* practice sessions and debriefings that enable you to demonstrate an understanding of equipoise and its role in counseling in general and Motivational Interviewing in particular. | CACREP 5 a.b.c.d. |
| Explain the use of the model in multicultural contexts                          | • Discussions in seminars and weekly meetings that outline modifications to Motivational Interviewing used with specific cultural groups and individual presentations                                                                 | CACREP 2.b. 3.g 5 a.b.c.d. |
Accommodations:
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