HSW 406

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Introduction to Motivational Interviewing

Syllabus and course description

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**Catalog Description:** This course will further develop theory, skills, and techniques related to guiding individuals through meaningful lifestyle changes by emphasizing motivational interviewing strategies. Motivational interviewing techniques and diverse coaching methodologies will be taught, practiced, and compared and contrasted.

1. **Purpose of the Course**: To teach the motivational interviewing and add other coaching techniques that allow students an opportunity to practice and develop those skills in a non-threatening environment.
2. **Course Objectives**: By the end of the course, the students will:
   1. Understand the difference between coaching and counseling, advising, teaching, and prescribing.
   2. Explore and demonstrate an understanding of Motivational Interviewing and other Coaching techniques.
   3. Work with a client(s) toward meaningful behavioral change.
   4. Develop skills and abilities to coach individuals
3. **Texts**
   1. Motivational Interviewing, Third Edition; Miller and Rollnick
   2. Excerpts from Co-Active Coaching Methodology
   3. Excerpts from Building Motivational Interviewing Skills
   4. Numerous Handouts
4. **Course Management**: This is a practical application course therefore the emphasis is placed on participation and reflections of the individual learner. Willingness to share insights, challenges and successes is vitally important. Reading, discussing, internalizing, practicing and applying the techniques represent the majority of the course content
   1. The nature of this course is interpersonal. Trust and confidence in classmates and teacher is necessary.
   2. Grades are based on level of participation in coaching sessions, skills development homework, journal reflections, and final transcripts of coaching practice sessions.
   3. You will work with a number of clients in a coaching capacity who desires to make a meaningful change in their life. You may be asked to find the initial people with whom you’ll work, in order for you to gain in competency before you are assigned to work with others. Practicing techniques is vital. Development depends upon practicing and assessing how you use the techniques.
5. **Course philosophy**:

As adult learners, many making the transition between traditional undergraduate processes and graduate coursework, you have both the capacity and the need to help direct the learning outcomes. I believe that students can and should participate in developing self-directed learning plans focused on examining ideas that are relevant, interesting, and pertinent to those sharing the learning experience.

Therefore, a successful learning outcome will be achieved by sharing information, thoughts, and ideas through discourse, active participation, gathering of resources, and an attitude of caring for the unique contribution of each participant.

VII. **Course Requirements**

There are five major components of the course:

* 1. Participation in class discussion-daily discussion over what you read. This requires being present in class. Each class period is worth 25 points.
  2. Participation in coaching in class with peers/classmates for practicing developing skills. Must do at least 2 (100 points total)
  3. Reflections on materials, answering questions to ponder, and discussion of challenges in weekly insights. – 10 points per week (80 total)
     + 1. Each week you will hand in personal reflections or insights taken from the reading-usually 1-2 pages. Insights and reflections should be made on techniques we practice in class, experiences, and application of coaching techniques over the course of the semester.
  4. Once during the semester you will transcribe a coaching session and analyze supplying your own reflections and suggestions on how it progressed. (100 points)
  5. One Test/Review – 50 points
  6. Several worksheets – 10 points per (50 points total)

1. **Grading**

Grades will be calculated based on percentage of points earned from those that are available and assigned according to the following:

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| A | 94-100% |
| A- | 88-93 % |
| B+ | 82-87 % |
| B | 76-81 % |
| B- | 70-75 % |
| C+ | 64-69% |
| C | 58-63% |
| C- |  |
| D |  |
| F |  |

Grades are available for viewing on the D2L website at all times during the academic semester. I make every effort to post scores on assignments within 7 business days of when it was due. If there is a circumstance when that is not a possibility, I will tell you verbally in class and give you an anticipated time when they will be posted.

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.