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General Syllabus

PSYC 4923 Clinical Psychology II

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 2

Laboratory Hours: 2

Prerequisite: PSYC 3414 Clinical Psychology I and consent of department head.

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Offers a broad spectrum introduction to the process of clinical diagnoses and guidelines used to determine treatment for mental disorders. Includes supervised field settings (hospitals, mental health agencies, etc.) where clinical services are utilized. Placement opportunities are evaluated by the instructor.

B. Additional Information

This course is an elective.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Develop an advanced knowledge of Clinical Psychology terminology.
2. Assess appropriate theory and tools for basic clinical assessment.
3. Assess diagnostic criteria and show the ability to recognize the unique differences in mental illness classifications as presented in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM).
4. Determine and apply relevant Psychological theory to clinical measures for assessment of case study scenarios.
5. Provide sufficient support for assessment of treatment measures in case study scenarios and from behavioral databases.
6. Compare and contrast historical theories, diagnoses, and treatment methods with modern processes.
7. Differentiate between the subjectivity and the objectivity of the Diagnostic Manual of Mental Illness (DSM-V).
8. Analyze statistical software for learning and data analyses.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Ethical Decision Making

Students will recognize and analyze ethical dilemmas.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Psychological Disorders
- B. Psychological Assessment
- C. Clinical Diagnosis
- D. Treatment of Mental Health
- E. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM current edition)