

**UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE  
FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

**Masters of Education (Counselling Psychology)  
Counselling Addictions and Mental Health Cohort  
EDUC 5709: Counselling Psychology: Practicum I  
Course Syllabus: Fall, 2015  
Saturday, 900-1600, Addictions Counselling Lab**

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**Course Description:**

This course provides an opportunity for professional development and supervised practice for graduate students in counselling psychology. The class seminars provide opportunity for group supervision of student work with clients, and for discussion of issues encountered in the practicum settings. The practicum settings provide opportunity for supervised practice in counselling/psychological techniques with clients.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate the transfer of skills and knowledge acquired through prior courses to applied counselling/psychological settings; and
- Incorporate theory, skilled practice and applied experience into a personal counselling/psychological framework.

**Course Process:**

This course will use collaborative learning as the course delivery approach. Collaborative learning approaches encourage learners to both contribute to the learning of their peers, and learn from their colleagues as well. The course instructor will provide the overall course structure and expectations, and ensure that essential learning outcomes, as outlined in the course objectives, are met.

**Seminar Dates:** September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

**Course Evaluation:**

1. ITP Loop/Narrative of practicum experiences (4 @ 5% each) – process will be introduced in the first seminar session.
2. Case Presentations (3 @ 10% each) – format will be available in the Moodle site for the course.
3. Practicum evaluation (50%) – format is in the Practicum Manual, available in the Moodle site.

**Assignment Descriptions:**

1. **ITP Loop/Narrative:** This assignment asks students to write a narrative of a practicum experience and place it in the ITP Loop (Integration of Theory and Practice) in order to better understand the experience and to link this to theory personal responses, and the use of therapeutic processes. The narratives will be written and shared in the seminar, and will become a way to discuss and deconstruct practice experiences, and to connect them with theory and practice wisdom.
2. **Case Presentations:** Students will prepare a case presentation, using the format provided, for presentation in each seminar. The case will be used to discuss intervention processes, the use of theory, strategies, and techniques, the counsellor's role in the process, and the development of alternative responses to meeting the needs of the persons being served. Other class members will participate as peer supervisors.

**PRACTICUM GRADING**

The first category is a "prerequisite" category called "Ethical Conduct." **Students must receive a satisfactory rating (3 or 4) on Ethical Conduct in order to pass the practicum.** The student's total mark is based on the six categories, as follows:

- A+ = 6 ratings of "4"
- "A" = At least 4 ratings of "4", with no rating less than "3"
- "A-" = At least 2 ratings of "4", with no rating less than "3"
- "B+" = At most 1 rating of "2", with 5 ratings of at least "3"
- "B" = A rating of "2" on 2 or 3 categories, with the rest of the ratings of "3" or "4"
- "B-" = A rating of "2" on 4 or more categories, with the other ratings at "3" or "4"
- "C" = A rating of "1" on any category

**Summary Ratings:**

Ethical Conduct	_____
Professional Conduct	_____
Core Counselling Skills	_____
Counselling Assessment Skills	_____
Counselling Intervention Skills	_____
Purposefulness	_____
Practicum Grade	_____

**Faculty of Education  
M.Ed. GRADING SYSTEM**

*Discussed: M.Ed. Forum, January 23 2004*

*Approved: M.Ed. Program Committee, February 4, 2004*

*Approved: Education Faculty Council, March 31, 2004*

“All components within the M.Ed. program that use a percentage procedure will use the following table for determining the final grade.”

**Grading Schedule for Graduate Classes**

<b>Numeric Value</b>	<b>Letter Grade</b>	<b>Grade Point</b>
97 - 100	A+	4.00
93 - 96	A	4.00
90 - 92	A-	3.70
87 - 89	B+	3.30
83 - 86	B	3.00
80 - 82	B-	2.70
77 - 79	C+	2.30
73 - 76	C	2.00
70 - 72	C-	1.70
67 - 69	D+	1.30
63 - 66	D	1.00
<63	F	0.00

Note: Any course with a grade of less than B- cannot be considered for credit in the M.Ed. Program.

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