

**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: Spring, 2014  
Saturday, 900-1600, Addictions Counselling Lab**

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**Seminar:** January 11, February 8, March 15, and April 12

**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.

**Course Evaluation:**

1. Counsellor Pre-Practicum Self-Analysis – 10% due Jan 18.
2. Transference, Counter-Transference & Shadow Issues paper: - 10% due March 21.
3. Case Presentations (1 @ 10%, 1 @ 20% each) – see description.
4. Practicum evaluation (50%) – format is in the Practicum Manual.

**Assignment Descriptions:**

1. **Counsellor Self Analysis:** 10% due Jan 17, 2014. Students will submit a 3-5 page paper discussing strengths and weaknesses as a counsellor, issues in supervision, issues around the agency, and goals for the term.
2. **Transference, Counter-Transference & Shadow Issues paper:** 10% due March 21, 2014. Students will present counter-transference and shadow issues to the rest of the group on March 15, and get feedback from their peers. Students will submit a 5 page paper discussing transference, counter-transference, and shadow issues in their counselling work after the seminar by March 21.
3. **Case Presentations:** 1 @ 10%, 1 @ 20%, Feb 8 and April 12, 2014. Students will prepare two case presentations. The students will use the following categories each worth 20% of their presentation mark: 1) Client background, presenting problem 2) theory and interventions used 3) the counsellor's role in the process 4) the development of alternative responses, and 5) awareness issues. Other class members will participate as peer supervisors. The first introductory presentation on Feb. 8 will be a half hour long, with a 5 page handout. The second presentation on April 12 will be one hour long with a 8-10 page handout.
4. **Practicum evaluation (50%) – format is in the Practicum Manual.** The overall mark for the practicum evaluation is decided through the grading scheme below.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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M.Ed. GRADING SYSTEM**

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

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