COURSE SYLLABUS

Course: FAMILY THERAPY
Instructor: Nancy Boyd-Franklin, Ph.D.
Course #: 18:821:616
Semester: Spring 2010

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is the second semester of a year-long advanced family therapy course. **Both terms are required for credit to be given.** In this second semester, students will study issues such as divorce, remarriage, step-parenting, couples therapy, drug and alcohol abuse in couples and families, and gay and lesbian couples and families. In addition, each student will present a family therapy case that they are treating under supervision. This will provide an opportunity for students to learn from their own family therapy case experiences.

PREREQUISITES:

1: Advanced Standing (3RD OR 4TH YEAR IN THE PROGRAM)
2: Previous therapy experience and course work required.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. This is a YEAR LONG COURSE, BOTH terms are required for credit to be given.

2. Attendance in all classes is required.

3. Each student must carry a family therapy case under the supervision of an approved family therapy supervisor.

4. Each student must present their case in class and discuss the relevant readings as a part of their presentation.

5. **Each student is required to write a 15-20 page paper on their case using the case outline provided.** Discuss the family therapy case you have treated. Include a thorough description of the case and discuss it within a particular family systems theoretical perspective. (More than one can also be incorporated.) Review and cite family therapy literature relevant to the topic the family presents. **PAPER DUE MAY 3 in class.**

GOALS OF THIS CLASS:

1. Students will learn about the following issues: divorce, remarriage, step-parenting, couples therapy, drug and alcohol abuse in couples and families, and gay and lesbian couples and families.
2. Each student will have the opportunity to learn family therapy by carrying a case under supervision from an experienced family therapist.

3. Students will have the opportunity to hear and learn from their classmates’ family therapy cases.

Family Therapy (2nd Semester) Spring 2010

1. Jan. 25  Separation, Divorce, & Post-Divorce
2. Feb. 1   Remarriage and Step-Parenting
3. Feb. 8   Drug and Alcohol Abuse in Couples and Families
4. Feb 15   Gay and Lesbian Couples and Families
5. Feb. 22  Couple Therapy
            Guest Lecture by Dr. Shalonda Kelly

March 1  No Class- Clinical Interview Day
6. March 8  Couple Therapy Interventions

March 15 NO CLASS- SPRING BREAK
7. March 22 Couple Therapy Interventions, Continued
8. March 29 Parental Separation, Attachment Issues, Drug Abuse & Kinship Care
    Presenters: Grace Funari & Ashleighane Pierre-Morgan

9. April 5  Separation, Divorce & Child’s Acting Out Behavior
            Presenters: Kirby Wycoff & Amanda Urdang

10. April 12 Separation, Divorce & Inconsistent Discipline
     Presenter: Gavin Kenny

11. April 19 School-based Family Therapy for Conduct Problems
     Presenter: Scott Kraiterman

12. April 26 Divorce and Co-parenting issues
     Presenter: Chelsea Hetrick
13. May 3  To Be Announced  
      Presenters: Joseph Conerty & Nadia Lemp

      May 3  FINAL PAPER DUE IN CLASS

14. May 10  Family Therapy Integration in the Treatment of Ethnic Minority Families  
             And Discussion of the Course
FAMILY THERAPY CASE PRESENTATION IN CLASS

I. Outline for Class Presentation
   
   Identifying Information and Case Description
   
   Presenting Problems
   
   Present Genogram
   
   Brief Summary of Family Dynamics and History
   
   Case Formulation
   
   Description and Summary of Current Treatment Issues

II. Show Videotape (or Audiotape) Segments

III. Brief Presentation and Summary of the Readings
    
    - Discuss relevance to this case

IV. Class Discussion
OUTLINE FOR FINAL PAPER

I. Review Relevant Family Therapy Literature and Research Relevant to this Case

II. Family Case Summary
   Identifying Information
   Presenting Problems
   Family History
   Mental Status
   DSM IV Diagnoses

III. Case Formulation

IV. Treatment Plan
   Treatment Goals

V. Treatment Summary

VI. Discussion of Outcome
COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS

1) JANUARY 25 – SEPARATION, DIVORCE, AND POST-DIVORCE

READINGS:


2) February 1- REMARRIAGE AND STEP-PARENTING


3) February 8- DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE IN COUPLES & FAMILIES


4) February 15- GAY AND LESBIAN COUPLES AND FAMILIES


5) February 22- COUPLE THERAPY- DR. SHALONDA KELLY


MARCH 1 - NO CLASS- CLINICAL INTERVIEW DAY
6) March 8- COUPLE THERAPY INTERVENTIONS


MARCH 15- NO CLASS- SPRING BREAK

7) March 22- COUPLE THERAPY INTERVENTIONS, Continued

1) Finish above readings

8) March 29-Case: Parental Separation, Attachment Issues, Drug Abuse & Kinship Care

Presenters: Grace Funari & Ashleighane Pierre-Morgan

1) Refer to Separation & Divorce readings above


9) April 5- Case: Separation, Divorce & Child’s Acting Out Behavior

Presenters: Kirby Wycoff & Amanda Urdang

2) Refer to Separation and Divorce readings above.


10) April 12- Separation, Divorce, Co-Parenting conflicts

Presenter: Gavin Kenny


2) Refer to other Separation and Divorce Readings above.

11) April 19- School-based Family Therapy for an Adolescent with Conduct Problems and Learning Challenges.

Presenter: Scott Kraiterman


12) April 26- Case: Divorce and Co-parenting Issues

Presenter: Chelsea Hetrick


2) Refer to other Divorce & Separation readings above.

13) May 3- Case: Angry Adolescent and Family Conflicts

Presenters: Joseph Conerty & Nadia Lemp


14) May 10- Family Therapy Integration in the Treatment of Ethnic Minority Families
