

**NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES**

Course Outline

Course # & Title:	PSY 680-Counseling Practicum I
Credit Hours:	3
Location/Section:	Jacksonville/JX2
Dates:	August 30, September 20, October 4, 18 November 1, 15, December 6 2007
Class Meeting Times:	Thursdays 6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.
Instructor:	Robert Ivy, Ed.D. Day Office (904) 616-0573 irobert@nova.edu

Required Text:

None. Selected articles for reading and discussion will be provided by the instructor when appropriate.

Course Description:

The student is required to spend a specified number of hours per week at a selected agency working under supervision with clients. During that time, the student is expected to increase her or his competence in the areas of basic interviewing, assessment, and counseling skills. Furthermore, students are expected to become more aware of the ethical, legal, and professional issues inherent in the counseling process. **Prerequisites: PSY 502; PSY 507; PSY 511; PSY 570; PSY 584; PSY 586; PSY 635; PSY 666 with a grade of B or better.**

Course Learning Objectives:

This course is designed to assist students in mastering counseling as it relates to the following:

1. Expand clinical skills through formal, structured supervision.
2. Be knowledgeable regarding ethical and legal issues, the therapeutic alliance, transference/counter transference, therapist self-disclosure,

diagnosis and case conceptualization, intervention strategies, and termination issues.

3. Have opportunities to collaborate with other treatment team members.
4. Become sensitive to issues of cultural, racial, and ethnic diversity and its impact on counseling.
5. Develop proficiency in writing case presentations, progress notes, and other clinical documentations.

These learning objectives will be accomplished by:

- A. Punctual attendance and active participation in class discussion and exercises.
- B. Oral presentation to the class of a counseling session with at least three different cases (individual, couple, family, or group). Each counseling session presented should be accompanied by a one-page case summary and progress notes for the session. These sessions should be video taped and brought to class cued for presentation of a segment the student finds interesting for discussion.
- C. Keeping a professional journal of practicum experiences and the impact on the personal and professional development of the student. This journal should be submitted for review twice during the semester-at midpoint, and at the end of the term.
- D. Submitting a five to seven pages (typewritten and doubled spaced) clinical report of one counseling experience. Specific details of the format for this report will be provided on the first class.
- E. Submitting in a timely manner all other evaluation forms, planning forms, log records, etc. as required by Nova Southeastern in the Nova Handbook of Practicum Experiences. Specific deadlines will be provided during the first class session in August.

Grading Criteria:

The grade for the course will be based on the following:

Three oral case presentations and case notes	150 points
Clinical report of a counseling experience	50 points
Professional Journal	100 points
Class participation	50 points
Feedback from student evaluations	50 points
On time submission of all forms required by Nova	100 points

Total points possible 500 points

Grading Scale:

A= 450 points- 500 points

B= 400 points- 449 points

C= 350 points- 399 points

Attendance:

Graduate students are expected to attend all seminar classes and to be punctual. Absences due to an extenuating circumstance should be discussed with the instructor. Absences can affect the final grade. All assignments are to be completed and submitted on time. Students will be considered late if a student comes to class more than ten minutes after the start of class. If a student is late twice in a semester one letter grade reduction will occur.