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PM 731 732 733 734 Practicum Seminar

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This seminar is intended for students in practicum placements. It is designed to do several things, including the following:

1. Provide opportunities for students to wrestle with the application of Christian principles to the field of counseling.
2. Provide a forum for students to learn relevant aspects of clinical practice, including the application of techniques and procedures.
3. Assist students in developing the ability to think like a clinician through diagnostic assessments and case presentations.
4. Familiarize students with legal information that is relevant to the practice of therapy in various states.
5. Assist in vocational formation through providing opportunities for students to learn directly about possibilities within the field of counseling in both Christian and secular settings.
6. Assist students in valuing a collegial process that invites collaboration and feedback from peers and leaders.


This semester’s format will focus largely on developing students’ abilities to conceptualize client issues from a variety of theoretical perspectives using a single case study so that salient features of each theory may be compared. Small group work will facilitate peer interaction. Time will be allotted each session for the sharing of pertinent or pressing practicum situations.

Brief (1-2 page, double spaced) reflection papers will be assigned for each of the theories discussed in Berman, chapters 3-8. These papers will consider the elements of each counseling theory as to how it fits with the student’s Christian worldview. Which elements can be applied as a Christian counselor? What limitations or advantages are in each theory?

This syllabus is subject to change if opportunities exist for seminar presentations by invited guests, etc. This syllabus and the general *Practicums in Counseling* syllabus will guide our work together this semester. The class schedule is listed on the next page.

Attendance: Attendance is required. If you should have to be absent, please notify the professor either through e-mail (Carol_Saenger@asburyseminary.edu or cbsaenger@aol.com) or call (502)875-8853. Make up assignments will be assigned for missed classes.

Class Schedule for Spring Semester 2001 for PM 731-732-733/734

February 7, 2001
Orientation to practicum
   Placements
   Practicum Particulars
   Requirements
Assignment #1 (due February 14, 2001)
Reading: Chapters 1 & 2 -- Berman

Note additional reading assignment for new practicum students --
Chapter 5: “Supervision”
The Internship, Practicum and Field Placement Handbook
by Brian N. Baird (on reserve in the Counseling Office).

February 14, 2001
____ Discuss Berman -- Chapters 1 & 2
____ Practicum Particulars

Assignment #2 (due February 21, 2001)
____ Reading: Chapter 3 -- Berman
____ Writing: Brief reflection paper on Behavioral Theory and Christian Worldview
Reading assignment for new practicum students only --
Chapter 8: “Records and Progress Notes”

February 21, 2001
Discuss Berman -- Chapter 3
Practicum Particulars

Assignment #3 (due February 28, 2001)
Reading: Chapter 4 -- Berman
Writing: Brief reflection paper on Cognitive Theory and Christian Worldview

February 28, 2001
Discuss Berman -- Chapter 4
Practicum Particulars

March 7, 2001
Video on Cognitive Therapy
Practicum Particulars

Assignment #4 (due March 14, 2001)
____ Reading: Chapter 5 -- Berman
____ Writing: Brief reflection paper on Process-Experiential Theory and Christian

March 14, 2001
Discuss Berman -- Chapter 5
Practicum Particulars

March 21, 2001
Visiting professional
Practicum Particulars

Assignment #5 (due March 28, 2001)
March 28, 2001
Discuss Berman -- Chapter 6
Practicum Particulars

April 4, 2001
Video on Family Systems
Practicum Particulars
Assignment #6 (due April 18, 2001)
Reading: Chapter 7 -- Berman
Written: Brief reflection paper on Dynamic Theory and Christian Worldview

April 11, 2001  Spring Reading Week

April 18, 2001
Discuss Berman -- Chapter 7
Practicum Particulars
Assignment #7 (due April 25, 2001)
Reading: Chapter 8 -- Berman
Written: Brief reflection paper on Transtheoretical Theory and Christian

April 25, 2001
Discuss Berman -- Chapter 8
Practicum Particulars

May 2, 2001
Video or Visiting Professional
Practicum Particulars

May 9, 2001
Last Class: All reports are due-- Reading Report, Practicum Data Sheet, Evaluation from On-site