

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

SW525 - Clinical Social Work Practice with Groups

Course Outline

Fall 2005

Credits: 3
Telephone: 270-782-8456
Class Meetings: Tuesday 1:00pm – 3:50p.m.

Instructor: Will Constable
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Office Hours: 4:00 – 5:00 pm or
By Appointment

Required Text

Reid, Kenneth E. (1997). Social Work Practice with Groups: A Clinical Perspective (2nd edition). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.

Additional Reading

The following readings are on reserve in the library:

1. Brown, A. & Mistry, T. (1994). Group work with mixed membership groups: Issues of race and gender. Social Work with Groups, 17 (3), pp. 5-21.
2. Corey, M.S. & Corey, G. (1997). Ethical and legal issues in group counseling. *Group: Process and Practice* (5th edition). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.
3. Corey, M.S. & Corey, G. (1997). Ending a group. *Group: Process and Practice* (5th edition). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.
4. Dies (1993). The role of evaluation in clinical practice: Overview and group treatment illustration. International Journal of Group Psychotherapy, 43, pp.77-102
5. Hurdle, D. (1990). The ethnic group experience. Social Work With Groups, 13 (4). pp. 59-68
6. Klein, R. (1999). “Group Work Practice with Transgendered Male to Female Sex Workers”, In Mallon, G. (1999) Social Services with Transgendered Youth (95-109).
7. Margolies, L. (1990). Cracks in the frame: Feminism and the boundaries of therapy. Women and Therapy, 9 (4), pp. 19-30.
8. Peterson (1992). The power differential in the professional/client relationship. At Personal Risk. New York: W.W. Norton and Co. pp. 34-49.
9. Riordan and Boggs (1988). Some critical differences between self-help and therapy groups. Journal for Specialists in Group Work, 1. pp.24-28.
10. Rosenberg, P. (1984). Support groups: A special therapeutic entity. Small Group Behavior, 15, pp. 173-185.

Course Requirements

1. Support/Self-Help Group Paper
2. Participation in either the Lab Group Experience or Family Group Retreat
3. Presentation on Group Work with a Vulnerable Population/Special Issue
4. Final Exam (mandatory)
5. Attendance and Participation

Grading

- A Satisfactory completion of assignments 1-4
Regular attendance and participation
- B+ Satisfactory completion of assignments 1-3
Regular attendance and participation
- B Satisfactory completion of assignments 1-3
Irregular attendance and/or participation (more than 2 absences)

Class Schedule

August 30, 2005

Lecture: Introduction to Course
Review of Syllabus
Discussion of Assignments
The History of Group Work

September 5, 2005

Lecture: Evolution of a Group (Corey & Corey video)
Readings: Reserve reading 9: Some critical differences between self-help and therapy groups
Reserve Reading 10: Support groups: A special therapeutic entity

September 12, 2005

Lecture: Therapeutic Factors in Groups
Readings: Reid, Chapter 1: Groups to Help People
Reid, Chapter 3: Therapeutic Factors in Groups

September 19, 2005

Lecture: The Concept of Group Development
Lab Group #1
*Self-help/support group paper is due
Readings: Reid, Chapter 4: The Group Cauldron

September 26, 2005

Lecture: Selection of Group Members
Variables to Consider in Developing a Group
Lab Group #2
Readings: Reid, Chapter 5: The Person as Member

October 3, 2005

Lecture: Pre-group planning
Establishing the Group
Lab Group #3
Readings: Reid, Chapter 9: Establishing the Group

October 10, 2005

Lecture: The Group Leader
Assessment of Leadership Skills
Lab Group #4
Readings: Reid, Chapter 6: Worker in the Group

October 17, 2005

Lecture: Leadership Roles and Skills in Group Work
Lab Group #5
Readings: Reid, Chapter 7: Foundation Skills

October 24, 2005

Lecture: Strategies and Interventions for Group Leaders
Dealing with Difficult Members
Readings: Reid, Chapter 8: Worker Interventions
Reid, Chapter 11: Program Activities

October 31, 2005

Lecture: The Beginning Phase of the Group
The Middle Phase of the Group
*Lab group paper is due
Readings: Reid, Chapter 10: The Beginning Phase of Group Work
Reid, Chapter 12: The Middle Phase of Group Work

November 7, 2005

Lecture: The Ending Phase of the Group
Evaluation of Group Work
Group Work Presentations 1 & 2
Readings: Reid, Chapter 13: The Ending Phase of Group Work
Reserve reading 3: Ending a group
Reserve reading 4: The role of evaluation in clinical practice: Overview and group treatment illustration

November 14, 2005

Lecture: Ethics and Professional Boundaries in Group Work
Group Work Presentations 3 & 4
Readings: Reserve readings 2: Ethical and legal issues in group counseling
Reserve reading 8: The power differential in the professional/client relationship

November 28, 2005

Lecture: Multicultural/diversity issues in Group Work
Proven interventions for specialized populations
Group Work Presentations 5 & 6
Readings: Reserve readings 1: Group work with mixed membership groups: Issues of race and gender

Reserve reading 5: The ethnic group experience

Reserve reading 6: Group work practice with transgendered male to female sex workers

Reserve reading 7: Cracks in the frame: Feminism and the boundaries of therapy

December 5, 2005

Final Exam

*Retreat paper is due

Fall Semester 2005

Classes Begin Wednesday, August 24

Labor Day (no classes) Monday, September 5

First Session Ends Wednesday, October 12

Fall Break (no classes) Thursday-Friday, October 13-14

Second Session Begins Monday, October 17

Thanksgiving Break Thursday-Friday, November 24-25

Classes End Tuesday, December 6

Study Days Wednesday-Thursday, December 7 & 8

Final Exam Days Friday, Monday-Thursday, December 9, 12, 13, 14, 15

Graduate Hooding Ceremony Friday, December 16

Commencement Saturday, December 17