

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

SW525 - Clinical Social Work Practice with Groups

Course Outline

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TUESDAYS 5:30 - 8:30

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Course Outline

**A structured group exercise and/or video will accompany most of the class sessions.*

First Session 8/30	Class introduction, discussion of outside requirements and a group exercise Yalom Chapters 1 & 2 and Peck Chapter 1 & 2
Second Session 9/6	History of group work Yalom Chapter 3, 4 & 5 and Peck Chapter 3 & 5
Third Session 9/13	Forming a Group and the Stages of Groups Yalom Chapter 6, 7 & 8 and Peck Chapter 4
Fourth Session 9/20	Therapy Groups and Self Help/Support Groups Yalom Chapter 7, 8 & 9
Fifth Session 9/27	Groups for Survivors (Survivors of abusive relationships, other crimes and loss) Yalom Chapter 10 and Peck Chapter 6
Sixth Session 10/4	Groups work with Domestic Violence Perpetrators Yalom Chapter 11 and Peck Chapter 7
Seventh Session 10/11	Group work with the Chemically Addicted Yalom Chapter 12 and Peck Chapter 8
Eight Session 10/18	Group work with Sex Offenders Yalom Chapter 13 and Peck Chapter 9
Ninth Session 10/25	Adolescent Groups Yalom Chapter 14 and Peck Chapter 10
Tenth Session 11/1	Gender, Sex, Race and Ethnicity Issues in Group Work Yalom Chapter 15 and Peck Chapter 11
Eleventh Session 11/8	Group with Severely and Persistently Mentally Ill Yalom Chapter 16 and Peck Chapter 12

Twelfth Session 11/15	Group work with Families and/or Couples Yalom Chapter 17	(Paper Due)
Thirteenth Session 11/22	Ethical and Safety Issues with Group Practice Evaluation of Group Practice	
Fourteenth Session 11/29	Student Presentations	
Fifteenth Session 12/06	Student Presentations	

****This is an academic course and any no way is tended to provide therapy or any type of health care services for the enrolled students.***

Student Health Center

If students experience discomfort and/or awareness that require professional health care the UT Student Health Center is available at 901/448-5630 to help any students take responsibility for their personal health care issues. The course instructor is available to assist with referrals.

Grading System

In this course, five (5) criteria will be used to evaluate the student's comprehension and synthesis of the content presented. They are: (1) class attendance and participation, (2) mid-term exam, (3) written assignments, (4) class presentations, and (5) personal group journal. Some specifics of the system and grade percentages follow:

Class attendance and participation -100 points

Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Please inform the instructor as soon as possible as to the reasons for absences. **(The first missed class will result in a loss of 10 points. Each additional absence will result in a deduction of 20 points.)** Consistent participation in discussions and in class interactive assignments is expected. *Students must read all assigned readings prior to attending class.* This will contribute to interactive discussions and exchanges of ideas. **(It is important to consistently participate in discussions and class exercises to avoid the loss of points available for attendance and class participation.)**

Mid-term Examination-100 points

An examination will be given to measure students' knowledge and understanding of the content covered in the first half of the course. (20% of total grade)

Paper-100 points

Each student will complete one 4 to 6 page paper on a modality of group therapy appropriate for a population of the student's choice. The paper will utilize scholarly literature (minimum of four separate sources) to justify the appropriateness of the modality for the population chosen. (20% of total grade). All papers should be formatted via APA guidelines and reflect assigned readings and relevant research literature. Additional details for each assignment will be given in class and during individual office consultations (if requested) prior to the due date. **(It is important to follow APA guidelines and utilize appropriate sentence structure and grammar to avoid up to a 10% deduction of points available for this assignment).** (20% of total grade)

Class Presentations-50 points

Each student will present the highlights of his/her paper in class. The presentation requirements will be discussed in detail closer to the due date. The assignment will be graded via pass/fail criteria with three out of five content components being clearly presented for a passing outcome. (10% of total grade)

Journaling Entries-50 points

After each class and/or assignment, you will journal your (1.) observations, (2.) thoughts and (3.) feelings into a personal Group Journal. You are encouraged to be as open and honest with your entries as you would expect your future clients to be. This Journal will be checked three or four times during the course of the semester.

The following point scale will be used to determine the student's overall class grade:

400-390=A 389-379=B 378-368=C 367-357=D Below 356=F

Required Readings

Peck, M. Scott (1987). *The Different Drum – Community Making and Peace*. New York: Simon & Schuster

Yalom, I. D. (1995). *Theory and Practice of Group Psychotherapy*, 4th Ed., New York: Basic Books.

Additional Readings (Several will be required as sources for your Paper and others may be assigned during the semester by the Instructor)

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- Rose, S. D. (1989). Using cognitive strategies to cope with stress and promote change. *Working with Adults in Groups: Integrating Cognitive, Behavioral and Small Group Strategies*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.
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