

COUN6330 Professional Issues in Counseling New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Division of Church & Community Ministries Fall 2018

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Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Mission Statement of the Counseling Program

The mission of the NOBTS Counseling Program is to provide training and supervised experience in evidence-based counseling methods to help people deal with life issues in a biblically sound way and prepare students for licensure in counseling and counseling-related professions. We seek to produce graduates who have the values, knowledge, skills, and personal disposition to promote the mental health and holistic wellness of clients across diverse populations.

Core Value Focus

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Doctrinal Integrity.

Curriculum Competencies

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are: Biblical Exposition, Interpersonal Skills, and Spiritual and Character Formation.

Syllabus Distribution

This syllabus is distributed at the beginning of the semester for review and can be found electronically on blackboard.

Course Description

This course is the capstone course for the counseling program and it is designed to address practical issues relevant to the practice of professional counseling. The course will be a presented as a hybrid, with a portion of the course being taught through Blackboard and the other portion in class. The following topics will be addressed: preparing for the National Counselor Exam (NCE) & Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam (CPCE), applying for licensure and certification (LPC, NBCC, AAMFT), advocacy, resumes and interviews, and practice management. December graduates must take this course in spring semester prior to graduation and May graduates must take this course in the fall semester prior to graduation.

Student Learning Outcomes

The overarching goal of the course is to stimulate the student to think critically about major issues related to sound and professional practices in counseling. The student involved in this course should be able to accomplish the following:

- develop strategies for successfully preparing for the National Counselor Exam and the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam
- 2) become equipped with knowledge necessary to apply for licensure and/or certifications

- 3) become familiar with issues related to advocacy in the counseling profession
- 4) become familiar with elements of writing a resume, applying for jobs, and interviewing.
- 5) exposure to issues related to practice management such as billing, insurance, and forms

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies: reading assignments, online quizzes, discussion boards, guest speakers / panel discussions, lecture, and portfolio development.

Textbooks

The following texts are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.

Rosenthal, H.(2017). Encyclopedia of counseling package (4th ed.). New York, NY: Routledge. ISBN 9781138299283

Optional Texts

Gregoire, J. and Jungers, C. (2007). *The counselor's companion: What every beginning counselor needs to know* New York, NY: Routledge. ISBN 9781138942653

Helwig, A.(2015). Study guide for the National Counselor Examination & CPCE (7th ed.). Andrew Helwig Publisher. ISBN 9780964837775

Rosenthal, H. (2009). Vital information and review questions for the NCE, CPCE and state counseling exams (3rd ed.) (Audio CD). New York, NY: Routledge, ISBN 9780415801416

Mometrix Test Preparation (2016). *NCE flashcard study system: NCE test practice* questions & exam review for the National Counselor Exam. Beaumont, TX: Mometrix Media. ISBN 9781610722322

Key Performance Indicators

Key Performance Indicator	Learning Experiences	Assessments

Course Objectives

Course Objectives	Learning Experiences	Assessments

Course Requirements/Assignments

	Assignment/Requirements & Description	Percentage	Due Date
Wr 1.	itten Capstone Portfolio — Each student will be expected to submit a portfolio that contains the following documents:	29%	
a.	Syllabi from every graduate level counseling course the student has taken		

b. Integration of Spirituality & Counseling Essay Discuss how you would explain Christian counseling and the concept of integration in a Christian setting and in a secular setting. What would you address and what would you avoid in each setting? How would you deal with skepticism about your training and the concern that you will be imposing your values?		
c. Current Resume & Cover Letter		
d. Reflection Paper exploring (1) how you have grown and changed throughout the counseling program, (2) plans following graduation, (3) identification of personal strengths and growing edges as an individual and a professional		
e. Book List – Provide a list of books you consider to be the most important or essential in the field of Christian counseling. (Place an asterisk beside the books on the list you have read.)		
*Note: Several elements of the portfolio are due throughout the semester in the class meetings. These will be given back to you to include in your portfolio.		
(All papers are to utilize APA form and style)		
Verbal/Interactive Process 1. Discussion & Participation – Participation is an essential element in all courses, but is particularly important in a hybrid course. Each week students will be required to participate in a meaningful way in a discussion board in Blackboard. In addition, students are expected to contribute to class discussions when the class meets in person.	15%	
Cognitive 1. Weekly Online Quizzes – Each week students will take a quiz over the reading and audio CDs.	25%	
2. Final Exam – The final exam will be the CPCE which will be pass/fail. Failure to pass the final exam will require the student to retake the course.	31%	

Grading Scale:

A: 93-100

B: 85-92

C: 77-84

D: 70-76

F: Below 70

<u>Course Policies, Academic Conduct, Professional Conduct, and Technical Assistance</u> Academic Honesty Policy

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Academic Policies

Academic policies relater to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: <u>New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Academic Catalog.</u>

Classroom Parameters

Please arrive on time.

Turn off cell phones. Utilize laptops and other technology for class purposes only.

Respect the professor and other members of the class.

Maintain confidentiality when someone shares personal information.

Participate in class and group discussions.

Classroom Participation/Active Dialogue

Student participation is expected. Class interaction is an important and valuable aspect of the learning environment where we can experience the truth of the Great Commandment by truly knowing one another.

Disabilities and Accommodations

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary does not discriminate against applicants/ students on the basis of personal disabilities. The Seminary, in voluntary compliance with the American Disabilities Act, will provide reasonable institutional accommodations, modifications, and adjustments to enable and empower students with disabilities to participate in Seminary programs and activities to the fullest extent possible. However, NOBTS cannot support accommodations that place undue hardship on the Seminary or its resources or which alter the essential requirements of curriculum and academic progress. While the seminary does not provide direct assistance to students in the form of equipment or personnel, accommodations may be made by individual professors at their discretion. These accommodations usually take the form of early access to lecture materials in electronic format and additional time to complete tests and assignments. The most efficient way to pursue such accommodations is to provide the Director of Testing and Counseling (Dr. Jeff Nave, jnave@nobts.edu, 504-282-4455 ext. 8004) with documentation of the condition for which you seek accommodation, an explanation of helpful accommodations received in the past, and a description of the specific accommodations you desire. The Director of Testing and Counseling will document your request and communicate on your behalf with the professors who teach the course(s) for which you are registered. The seminary reserves the right to consider each request for "special" accommodations on a case by case basis pursuant to the criteria enumerated above.

Diversity

The Counseling Program at NOBTS affirms the Christian doctrinal position that God created man in His own image, and that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love. We believe the counseling profession affords our students and graduates the opportunity to be "salt and light" (Matthew 5:13-16) whatever their places of service, and that a robust appreciation for and sensitivity to human diversity is key to that end. Further, a learning environment diverse in its people, curricula, scholarship, research, and creative activities expands opportunities for intellectual inquiry and engagement, helps students develop critical thinking skills, and prepares students for social and civic responsibilities. Students and faculty benefit from diversity. The quality of learning, research, scholarship, and creative activities are enhanced by a climate of inclusion, understanding, and appreciation of the full range of human experience. We are committed to nurturing and training a diverse student body in an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation of differences. As a result, the counseling program is committed to diversity and equal opportunity and recognizes that it must represent the diversity inherent in American society, reflected in our local community, and aligned with the core values of the NOBTS community.

Emergencies:

In cases of emergency, such as hurricanes, disease outbreaks, or other disasters, go to the seminary website (www.nobts.edu) for information. The seminary administration will post information, such as the nature of the emergency, instructions for response, and evacuation and return dates. Please check Blackboard for information specific to this course. Because Blackboard is available, the course will continue even if the main campus is closed. Please consider registering for the seminary's priority text messaging

service through <u>SelfServe</u>. This service is used only in emergencies, and will allow the seminary to deliver urgent information to you as needed.

Extra Credit:

No extra credit will be given in this course.

Netiquette

Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Blackboard or other online discussions. Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on Discussion Boards or whenever interaction occurs through web, digital, or other electronic medium. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

Policy for Graduating Seniors

Graduating Seniors are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

Professor's Policy on Late Assignments

All work is due on the assigned date in the syllabus. All class work is due at the dates specified. Late assignments will be given a deduction of half a grade per day after the due date. Any assignment submitted after the final exam will receive a grade of 0 points.

Professional Conduct

Students are expected to adhere to the appropriate code of ethic for their particular program. Any behavior deemed unethical will be grounds for dismissal from the program.

Professor's Availability and Assignment Feedback

The student may contact the professor at any time using the email address provided in the course syllabus. The professor will make every effort to return answers to emailed questions within a 24-hour period of time. Assignments requiring grading will be returned to the student within a reasonable period of time. Student feedback on graded assignments will be provided through the grading rubric located in the student's Blackboard Grade Book. The student will find comments in the grading rubric, as well as on graded paper assignments. The student may also email the course grader with questions regarding grading.

Reading Assignments

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

- 1. <u>Selfserve@nobts.edu</u> Email for technical questions/support requests with the <u>Selfserve.nobts.edu</u> site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
- 2. <u>BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu</u> Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System <u>NOBTS.Blackboard.com</u>.
- 3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu Email for general technical questions/support requests.
- 4. <u>www.NOBTS.edu/itc/</u> General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Writing Center

NOBTS has adopted a Quality Enhancement Plan to improve English writing at the graduate level. As part of this effort, NOBTS has established a writing center located in the Hardin Student Center (290B). Visit the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. You will discover

writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help you become a better writer. Go here for Turabian and APA style helps and guidelines. You will also find language fonts for Greek and Hebrew. More information about how to set up an appointment for writing assistance is available on the writing center page.

Writing Style

All papers are to be written in American Psychological Association (APA) style. Please see the APA Manual 6th edition. Be thorough, and answer completely all the questions in the assignment

Student Services

This is a partial list of NOBTS student services available to all students, no matter your delivery system or location. If you have questions or do not see what you need here, please refer to www.nobts.edu/studentservices, email us at studentservices@nobts.edu, or call the Dean of Students office at 800-662-8701, ext. 3283. We are glad to assist you!

Need	Email	Phone	Web Page
Advising – Graduate Program	studentservices@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x3312	www.nobts.edu/registrar/default.html #advising
Advising – Undergraduate Program	lcadminasst@nobts.edu	504.816.8590	www.nobts.edu/LeavellCollege
Church Minister Relations (for ministry jobs)	cmr@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x3291	www.nobts.edu/CMR
Financial Aid	financialaid@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x3348	www.nobts.edu/financialaid
PREP (help to avoid student debt)	Prepassistant1@nobts.edu	504.816.8091	www.nobts.edu/prep
Gatekeeper NOBTS news	pr@nobts.edu	504.816.8003	nobtsgatekeeper.wordpress.com
Information Technology Center	itcsupport@nobts.edu	504.816.8180	selfserve.nobts.edu
Help with Blackboard	<u>blackboardhelpdesk@nobts.</u> <u>edu</u>	504.816.8180	nobts.blackboard.com
Library	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	www.nobts.edu/Library
Online library resources	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	http://www.nobts.edu/research- links/default.html
Writing and Turabian style help	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.ht ml
Guest Housing (Providence Guest House)	ph@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x4455	www.provhouse.com
Student Counseling	lmccc@nobts.edu	504.816.8004	www.nobts.edu/studentservices/counselin gservices.html
Women's Programs	womensacademic@nobts.e du	504.282.4455 x3334	www.nobts.edu/women

For additional library resources in your state, check http://www.nobts.edu/library/interlibrary-loan.html

- GALILEO for Georgia students
- LALINC for Louisiana students
- Florida Virtual Library (http://www.flelibrary.org/) for Florida students
- Interact with us online at –







Course Schedule

Enc= Encyclopedia of counseling; **ACD** = Audio CD's

Week#	Date	rseling; ACD = Audio CD's Topic	Assignment
	Mon., Aug. 20	In Class Meeting	
1		Advocacy & Practice Management	
	Mon., Aug. 27	Study Guides	Enc. = Ch. 1, 2
2		How to End Exam Worries	Discussion Board
			Quiz #1
	Mon., Sept. 3	Human Growth & Development	Enc. = Ch.3
			ACD = Part 1 (Disk 2, 3)
3			Discussion Board
			Quiz #2
	Mon., Sept. 10	Social & Cultural Diversity	Enc. = Ch. 4
_			ACD = Part 1 (Disk 3)
4			Discussion Board
			Quiz #3
5	Mon., Sept. 17	In Class Meeting – Integration in Counseling	Brief Essay Assignment : Explain how you would explain Christian counseling and the concept of integration in a Christian setting and in a secular setting.
	Mon., Sept. 24	Counseling & Helping Relationships	Enc. = Ch. 5
			ACD = Part 1 (Disk 4, 5, 6, 7)
6			Discussion Board
			Quiz #4
	Mon., Oct. 1	Group Counseling & Group Work	Enc. = Ch. 6
			ACD = Part 1 (Disk 7, 8)
7			Discussion Board
			Quiz #5

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16	Mon., Dec. 3	In Class Meeting – Resume Writing & Interviewing Skills	Assignment: Prepare a current resume and cover letter suitable for applying for a counseling position.
			Portfolios Due

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