



**COUN6355: Brief Approaches to Individual, Marriage,  
and Family Counseling**  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Counseling  
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**Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

**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.

**Course Description**

This course is designed to provide student trainees with an overview of brief approaches to marriage and family counseling. Special attention is given to Solution-Focused and related models and their practical application in the ministry setting. Students should come prepared to spend extensive time participating in live supervision using some of these selected models.

**Program Objectives: #2** Upon successful completion of one of the Master's Programs in Counseling, graduates should have the necessary academic and clinical skills to obtain professional licensure.

**Required Textbooks, Readings, & Resources**

Quick, E.K. (2008). *Doing what works in brief therapy: A strategic solution focused approach* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Burlington, MA: Academic Press.

deShazer, S., & Dolan, Y. (2007). *More than miracles: The state of the art of solution-focused brief therapy*. New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

Eron, J. B., & Lund, T. W. (1996). *Narrative Solutions in Brief Therapy*. New York: Guilford Press.

\* Charry, E. T. (2011). Positive theology: an exploration in theological psychology and positive psychology. *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, 30(4), 284–293.

\* Tan, S.-Y. (2012). Principled, professional, and personal integration and beyond: further reflections on the past and future. *Journal of Psychology & Theology*, 40(2), 146–149.

**\* Provided by Instructor on Canvas**

Subscription for Dreamaker: Dreamaker is a computer platform which allows the student counselor to upload the required videos of counseling sessions for self-evaluation by the student and then shared to the instructor. Spring semester \$35; this amount will be charged to your NOBTS account for Spring Semester.

## Course Objectives/Student Learning Outcomes

Course Objectives	Learning Experiences	Assessments
Students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of The history and development of brief theories, including, models, principles, and treatment planning. <b>(2.f.1.a, 5.C.1.a,b,c)</b>	<p><i>Instruction</i> Class lecture and discussion</p> <p><i>Readings</i> Quick, Chs 1-18 deShazer, Chs 1-10 Eron &amp; Lund, Chs. 1-16</p>	<p><i>Course Assignments</i> Book Report and Reading</p> <p>Midterm &amp; Final Exam</p>
Students will demonstrate knowledge, competence, and practice in brief counseling by evaluation and assessment of their practice and skills, including techniques and interventions, as counselors. <b>(5.C.3.b, 5.F.1.e,f)</b>	<p><i>Instruction</i> Class lecture and discussion In-Class Role Plays</p> <p><i>Readings</i> Quick, Chs 1-18 deShazer, Chs 1-10 Eron &amp; Lund, Chs. 1-16</p>	<p><i>Course Assignments</i> Counseling Sessions (4) with Transcripts, Session Notes, and Analyses In-class Role Plays Assessments of In-class Role Plays using Brief Counseling Evaluation Form Final Exam</p>
Students demonstrate knowledge, understanding, and personal developmental awareness of the biblical nature of change and its relationship to brief counseling and to the historical ministry of soul care and counseling. <b>(2.f.1.a)</b>	<p><i>Instruction</i> Class lecture and discussion</p> <p><i>Readings</i> Articles provided by instructor</p>	<p><i>Course Assignments</i> Counseling Sessions (4) with Transcripts, Session Notes, and Analyses In-class Role Plays Assessments of In-class Role Plays using Brief Counseling Evaluation Form Midterm &amp; Final Exam</p>

## Course Requirements and Evaluation of Grades

Assignment & Description	%	Due Date
<p><b>Reading</b> Students are responsible for all required readings (3 books and other readings provided by instructor) plus reading one additional book (select one from Bibliography) related to Brief Counseling. Other books not on the bibliography may be selected with instructor's approval. Students will report the percentage of required reading completed at the time each book is due.</p>	20%	4 <sup>th</sup> book due 4/25
<p><i>Brief Counseling Sessions (4)</i> 1. Students are expected to counsel a client in a series of four (4) counseling sessions using the principles and practices of Solution-Focused Brief Counseling. The sessions are limited to a maximum of 40 minutes each. Sessions are to be recorded and the recordings submitted with each assignment through Dreamaker. All recordings are to be destroyed by the end of the term.</p> <p>2. Students are expected to receive a series of four (4) counseling sessions from a fellow classmate who will utilize the principles and practice of brief counseling. The sessions are limited to a maximum of 40 minutes each.</p> <p>3. Students are to turn in the following material concerning the counseling sessions:</p>	40%	Video Session 1. 2/28 2. 3/21 3. 4/4 4. 4/18

**Session 1:**

A. An annotated assessment completed on and sent to instructor via the web based platform Dreamaker.io (instructions for enrolling in platform and procedure for procuring records will be given in class). On this transcript the student needs to annotate and comment on the following elements (in the interest of time, the student may omit going through the disclosure and confidentiality statements):

- Identification of termination criteria
- Assessment for pre-session change
- Exploring attempted solutions
- Determining spiritual resources
- History of the problem
- Suicidality/Homicidality
- Exceptions
- First small step
- Client strengths
- Family history/medical history/substance use
- Compliments and homework
- Identify if client is Customer, Complainant, or Visitor

It is assumed that the counselor will not be able to cover all these in the first session, but please evaluate or critique what was covered.

B: Personal critique: an evaluation of counseling approach, techniques, and skills

**Session 2:**

A. A written critique that highlights what exceptions you found, elements you included from the techniques, and things you would do differently. Use the Solution-Focused Self Checklist to evaluate the basics elements

B. Identify what type of homework you gave the client (see PowerPoint lecture "Session Two and Beyond") and give a rationale for selecting that homework.

C: Personal critique: an evaluation of counseling approach, techniques, and skills and development or improvement in these areas.

**Session 3:**

A. An annotated assessment completed on and sent to instructor via the web based platform Dreamaker.io. On this transcript the student needs to annotate and comment on the following elements:

- Assessment for change
- How you handled change or no change (scaling questions, exceptions, etc.)
- Identify the techniques you used and indicate where.
- Identify what type of homework you gave the client (see PowerPoint lecture "Session Two and Beyond") and give a rationale for selecting that homework.

B. Personal critique: an evaluation of counseling approach, techniques, and skills and development or improvement in these areas.

**Session 4:**

A. A critique that highlights what exceptions you found, elements you included from the techniques, things you would do differently. Use the Solution-Focused Self Checklist to evaluate the basics elements.

B. Identify what type of homework you gave the client (see PowerPoint lecture "Session Two and Beyond") and give a rationale for selecting that homework.

C. Personal critique: an evaluation of counseling approach, techniques, and skills and development or improvement in these areas.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Additional Information about the Sessions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students are required to participate in four (4) sessions as a counselor and another four (4) sessions as a client. Each session is to be no more than 40 minutes. At least three of these sessions are to be conducted outside of class time. Students will be assigned a client. Most students will conduct a live session in the classroom in the later part of the semester, which can be one of the four sessions if desired.</li> <li>2. As the client, you are to work on an actual issue. However, clients are in control of the content and extent of the disclosure. Students are encouraged to present issues that do not require crisis intervention.</li> <li>3. As the counselor, you are responsible for maintaining confidentiality.</li> <li>4. You must record all four sessions when you are the counselor, using either a tape recorder, your laptop or the counseling center recording capability. If you record in a location that is not in the counseling center, please insure that it is a quiet environment or you (and your professor) will not be able to hear the recorded dialogue.</li> <li>5. You are to maintain a counselor-client relationship for these four sessions. You are not to engage in social relationships with your partner during this period of time. This requirement means no socializing before and after the sessions. You are expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner. If you are paired with someone very familiar to you, you need to alert the instructor immediately so that an alternative arrangement can be made.</li> <li>6. Remember to keep all information obtained during your counseling sessions CONFIDENTIAL.</li> <li>7. All recorded materials are to be kept secure. They must be erased at the end of the class.</li> </ol> <p>Alternatively, students can enlist an individual outside of the Division of Counseling to be their client/interviewee for this assignment. However, students are to prepare an informed consent for these volunteer clients.</p> <p>The informed consent should indicate that (a) the sessions are strictly for learning purposes, (b) issues disclosed by clients should not be critical in nature, requiring crisis intervention, (c) the sessions will be recorded for supervision purposes, (d) the instructor/supervisor of the class will have access to the taped sessions, (e) the number of session will be four and each last about 40 minutes, and (f) if they are minor (less than 18 years old), their legal guardian will have to give consent for their participation and their legal guardian understands the learning nature of this assignment and will not require the student-counselor to report session content to them. Mention also the limits of confidentiality. Have these individuals sign the consent and give them a copy for their record. The instructor will not review and grade your tape and typescript without the signed informed consent.</p> <p>NOTE: TAPED SESSIONS ARE NOT TO BE SCRIPTED OR OUTLINED IN ADVANCE.</p>		
<p><b>Role Plays in Class</b> Students will participate in roles plays in class, and will be assigned various techniques or interventions to demonstrate. Students will also participate as clients in the role plays. A sign-up sheet will be provided for these role plays.</p>	20%	Begin on 3/21
<p><b>Midterm and Final Exams</b></p>	20%	3/7 5/2

<p>The midterm exam covers lectures, including PowerPoint presentations, and required textbook reading on brief counseling. It consists of listing and identification, description, short answer, and discussion questions.</p>		
<p>The final exam is comprehensive and based on the readings from the course texts, lectures, session and role play presentations, and discussion. The exam consists of essay questions that will call for a critical understanding of brief counseling and the practical application of what has been learned about brief counseling (e.g., case studies).</p>		

### Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies: reading and writing assignments, dialogues, lectures, interviews, group experiences, class presentations, and written examinations.

### Technical Resources and Competencies

Students in the NOBTS Counseling Program are expected to have access to a home computer or laptop, Internet access, and basic Microsoft Office software (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel). Desktop computers are available for use by students in the Information Technology Center (ITC), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Luter Student Center, New Orleans Campus. The online version of Microsoft Office is available free to enrolled NOBTS students through the seminary ITC. In addition, students should develop competencies in the following areas. These competencies are based on the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) Technical Competencies.

1. Be able to use productivity software to develop group presentations, letters, and reports.
2. Be able to use such audiovisual equipment as video recorders, audio recorders, projection equipment, video conferencing equipment, and playback units.
3. Be able to use email.
4. Be able to help clients search for various types of counseling-related information via the internet, including information about careers, employment opportunities, educational & training opportunities, financial assistance/scholarships, treatment procedures, and social and personal information.
5. Be able to subscribe, participate in, and sign off counseling related listservs.
6. Be able to access and use counseling related CD-ROM and online databases.
7. Be knowledgeable of the legal and ethical codes which relate to counseling services via the Internet.
8. Be knowledgeable of the strengths and weaknesses of counseling services provided via the Internet.
9. Be able to use the Internet for finding and using continuing education opportunities in counseling.
10. Be able to evaluate the quality of Internet information.

These competencies meet or exceed the recommendations of both the American Counseling Association and the Council of Standards in Human Services Education.

### NOLA2U Live Students

**If you are taking this course as a NOLA2U Live student, please note the following attendance policies:**

1. The course on the New Orleans campus will be connected synchronously via Web conferencing with Internet students. These courses will require weekly attendance at the stated class meeting times.
2. Students are only allowed to miss the amount of class time specified in the NOBTS attendance policy as stated in this syllabus.
3. Technical issues will not be considered a valid reason for missing a class session.

### Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Exams                        | 20% |
| 2. Four (4) Counseling Sessions | 40% |
| a. Annotation and Analysis      |     |
| b. Sessions & Checklist         |     |
| 3. Reading                      | 20% |
| 4. Role Plays                   | 20% |

#### Grading Scale:

The following grading scale is used at NOBTS:

A: 93-100 B: 85-92 C: 77-84 D: 70-76 F: below 70

## **Course Policies, Academic Conduct, and Professional Conduct**

### **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 relating to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: [New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Academic Catalog](#).

### **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](mailto: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](http://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 Canvas for information specific to this course. Because Canvas 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 [SelfServe](#). 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 is available in this course.

#### **Netiquette**

Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Canvas 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. The grade for late assignments will automatically be reduced by one letter grade per week late.

#### **Professional Conduct**

Students are expected to adhere to the appropriate codes of ethics for their particular programs. 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 Canvas 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. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/)- Email for general technical questions/support requests.
2. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu)- Email technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) or [My.nobts.edu](http://My.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, Faculty portal, etc.)
3. [Canvas@nobts.edu](mailto:Canvas@nobts.edu) Click on the "Help" button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to [Canvas.nobts.edu](http://Canvas.nobts.edu) / [nobts.instructure.com](http://nobts.instructure.com).
4. [Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu](mailto:Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu) - Email technical questions/support requests with Bluejeans and NOBTS Bluejeans classrooms (On and Off-Campus).
5. [TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu)- Email technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Nextiva Phone system.
6. [504.816.8180](tel:504.816.8180) - Call for any technical questions/support requests. (Currently available Mon-Thurs 7:00am-9:00pm & Fri 7:00-7:00pm Central Time).

#### **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 Luter 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 in counseling courses are to be written in American Psychological Association (APA) style. Please see the latest edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

### 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/student-services](http://www.nobts.edu/student-services), email us at [studentservices@nobts.edu](mailto:studentservices@nobts.edu), or call the Dean of Students office at 800-662-8701, ext. 3283. We are glad to assist!*

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

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



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### Student Course Schedule, Spring 2023

Quick = *Doing What Works in Brief Therapy*

deShazer = *More Than Miracles*

E&L= *Narrative Solutions in Brief Therapy*

Please have reading assignments completed before class

Week #	Date	Reading & Assignments Schedule	Learning Experiences
1	1/17	Quick, Ch. 1 deShazer, Ch. 1	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Intro to Course Why Study Brief Therapy? Distinctives of Brief
2	1/24	deShazer Ch. 2 E&L, Intro- Ch. 3	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> History/Differences between Brief & Solution Focused Therapy Problem Solving vs. Solution Focused
3	1/31	Quick, Ch. 12 E&L, Ch. 4 deShazer, Ch. 6 Charry, "Positive Theology" JPC	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Theoretical and Theological Assumptions Biblical Concepts of Change
4	2/7	Quick, Chs. 2-3 E&L, Ch. 5 deShazer, Chs. 3-4	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> First Session & Miracle Question Treatment Goals--Constructing Solutions
5	2/14	Quick, Chs. 4-5 E&L, Chs. 6-7	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Brief Session Two and Beyond Exceptions & Compliments
6	2/21	<b>MARDI GRAS</b> Classes do not meet	None
7	2/28	Quick, Chs. 7, 14, ,16 E&L, Chs. 10-11 <b>Due: 1st Video Session Critique: 1<sup>st</sup> Session</b>	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Clarifying, Amplifying, Interrupting & Confrontation Working with Adolescents
8	3/7	<b>Exam 1</b>	Exam taken in class
9	3/14	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	3/13-17
10	3/21	Quick, Chs. 8-10 deShazer, Ch. 9 <b>Due: 2<sup>nd</sup> Video Session: Exceptions &amp; Homework</b>	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Brief Groups & Specific Problems Brief for Couples
11	3/28	Quick, Ch. 17, 18 E&L, Ch. 13-15	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Difficult Clients & Crisis Situations
12	4/4	Quick, Ch. 11 & 13 Tan, "Principled, professional, personal" JPT <b>Due: 3<sup>rd</sup> Video Session: Assessment &amp; Intervention</b>	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Transtheoretical Applications
13	4/11	Quick, Ch. 15 deShazer, Ch. 10	<b>Lecture &amp; Discussion:</b> Termination of Counseling
14	4/18	<b>Due: 4<sup>th</sup> Video Session Critique: Exceptions, Intervention Techniques, Homework</b>	Discussion: Role Plays Debriefing

15	4/25	<b>Due: 3<sup>rd</sup> Book--Report and Presentation</b>	<b>Discussion:</b> Different Dimensions of Brief, Solution Focused, and Narrative Models
16	5/2	<b>Final Exam</b>	Final Exam in Class
17	5/12	<b>GRADUATION to Those Who Celebrate</b>	Wear a fun hat

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