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General Syllabus

PSYC 34134 Clinical Psychology I

Credit Hours: 4

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 2

Prerequisite: PSYC 36133 Experimental Psychology

Prerequisite or corequisite: PSYC 40603 Psychology of Personality

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Introduction to mental illness diagnoses, and to the concepts and methods of clinical psychology including the fundamentals of abnormal psychology, clinical assessment, psychotherapy and professional activities of clinical psychologists. Includes a lab component designed to teach application of introductory level tests and measurements to the clinical assessments.

B. Additional Information

This course is an elective.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic terminology of Clinical Psychology.
2. Show an understanding of Clinical Psychology as a sub-discipline.
3. Employ knowledge of the appropriate theory and tool for basic clinical assessment.
4. Distinguish among diagnostic criteria and show the ability to recognize the unique differences in mental illness classifications as presented in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM).
5. Differentiate between the subjectivity and the objectivity of the Diagnostic Manual of Mental Illness (DSM-V).
6. Use statistical software as a tool for learning and data analyses.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Ethical Decision Making

Students will recognize and analyze ethical dilemmas.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively with a variety of audiences in any setting.

Analytical Skills**Critical Thinking Skills**

Students will draw conclusions and solve problems.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Psychological Disorders
- B. Disorders of Childhood
- C. Psychopathology
- D. Psychological Assessment
- E. Psychotherapy