

PRACTICUM IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC 881)

Fall 2006, Section 002

1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Mondays at the Psychological Clinic

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Requirements:

1. *Participation in Group Supervision.* We will meet as a group 90 minutes per week. Each person will present interview or therapy tapes, test results, and psychological reports. The designated presenter will receive constructive feedback from each of us.
2. *Participation in Individual Supervision.* Each of you will meet with me individually for 30 minutes per week. I want you to prepare clinical material to present at each meeting.
3. *Completion of Clinical Assignments.* You are required to complete one comprehensive assessment of a client at the GMU Psychological Clinic during the Fall semester. After you do the intake interview, you must complete the case within 8 weeks. The Clinic Supervisory Assistant will review the scoring of your test protocols and I will supervise the interpretation and written report. You will give a case presentation of your assessment work in the group supervision. In addition, you will conduct psychotherapy with a caseload of 2 to 4 clients from the Clinic. Please videotape or audiotape every session with your clients and we will review the tapes in supervision. You will also need to complete intake summaries, progress notes, and termination summaries for each client.
4. *Participation in Evaluation.* At the end of the semester, you will receive written feedback on your clinical performance. This will come in the form of a narrative description of strengths and weaknesses and a quantitative rating of specific skills found in the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program Handbook.

Grading: Your final grade will be based on the completion and quality of your assessment and psychotherapy work. Each of the following aspects is important and follows from the Supervision Rating Form:

1. Good use of supervision including active participation, nondefensiveness, incorporation of feedback, and professional reliability.
2. Competent psychological intervention skills including developing a working alliance, carrying out psychotherapy techniques effectively, useful interpretations, and adequate case management.

3. Competent assessment skills including proper administration and scoring of tests, organizing and integrating test results, and writing clear and helpful reports.

A = Uniformly excellent work and completion of all requirements.

A- = Very good work on each dimension and completion of all requirements.

B+ = Above average work on each dimension and completion of all requirements.

B = Substandard work on one dimension and completion of all requirements.

C = Substandard work on more than one dimension and completion of all requirements.

F = Failure to complete all requirements.

There is no required textbook, but the instructor may provide pertinent readings for discussion throughout the course. There are no written exams.

Honor Code. All students will follow the GMU honor code in this course. You can look at two websites to get more information: <http://mason.gmu.edu/%7Emontecin/plagiarism.htm> and <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/unilife/honorcode.html>

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please see me and contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

The add and drop deadlines for courses this Fall semester include:

Last day to add - September 12

Last day to drop - September 29