

Clinical Assessment: Adults I

Winter 2007

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Course Overview:

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the fundamentals of adult clinical assessment through the use of interview and psychological testing procedures. In the winter trimester students will focus on interviewing skills – building rapport, setting the frame, and diagnosis through interviewing. This will include developing skills to comprehend and clarify consult requests from other medical providers, to develop strategies for responding to those request, and to communicate results and recommendations. In particular, the assessment of active duty members within various military environments will be covered (such as fitness for duty, suitability for military service, weapons evaluations, DoNCAFs, 706's, security clearance, medical boards, NEC removals, LIMDUs, etc.). The class will have a significant “hands on” component both in class, out of class with peers, in supervision with TAs, and at the simulation center. Some coverage of psychometrics will begin in this trimester as well with a focus on WAIS-III intelligence testing, cognitive and neurological screening.

Required Texts:

[Zuckerman, E. L. \(2005\). Clinician's Thesaurus, 6th Ed: The guide to conducting interviews and writing psychological reports \(The clinician's tool box\). Guilford Press.](#)

[Groth-Marnat, G. \(2003\). Handbook of Psychological Assessment \(4th ed.\). Wiley Press.](#)

Recommended Texts:

[Kaufman, A.S. & Lichtenberger, E.O. \(1999\). Essentials of WAIS-III Assessment. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.](#)

[Greene, R.L. \(2000\). The MMPI-2: An Interpretive Manual \(2nd ed.\). Allyn & Bacon.](#)

[Morrison, J. \(1994\). The First Interview: Revised for DSM-IV. Guilford Press.](#)

[Robinson, D.J. \(2000\). The Mental Status Exam Explained. Rapid Psychler Press.](#)

[Miller, W.R. & Rollnick, S. \(1991\). Motivational Interviewing: Preparing People to Change Addictive Behavior. Guilford Press.](#)

Course Requirements:

3 credit hours: Lecture/Seminar

Pre-Test (0%)

This exam will give students a “heads up” on the material covered in the course and will provide the students and faculty with a sense of baseline knowledge on the topics to be covered.

Midterm and Final Exam (20% & 50%)

The exams will be multiple choice, and may also include some short answer and essay. A portion of the final exam will be comprehensive.

Testing Administration & Scoring (10%)

Students will take, as well as administer and score, a WAIS during this trimester.

Class Participation (20%)

Each student is expected to participate actively in class discussions and role plays. Level of participation will be gauged in terms of quality as well as quantity. Since participation is so critical in this class, 1 point will be lost from this grade for each absence.

2 credit hours: SIM CTR - Lab

Interview and Test Administration (Pass/Fail)

Students will interview SP at the simulation center. Various tests will be administered as well to practice administration and scoring of these exams.

Course Outline:

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| 16 | Nov | Introduction to Fibromyalgia Guest Speaker Gwenn Herman, LCSW-C, DCSW, Director, Pain Connection-Chronic Pain Outreach Center, Inc.
www.pain-connection.org |
| 19 | Nov | Introduction to the format of course, pre-test
<u>Reading:</u> (Groth-Marnat, ch. 1, pg. 1-36) |
| 23 | Nov | <i>No Class – Thanksgiving break</i> |
| 26 | Nov | The clinical interview: Fundamentals and Mental Status Exams, including the Folstein
<u>Reading:</u> (Zuckerman pg. 21-39 & 141-157; Groth-Marnat, ch. 3, pg. 69-101)
(11/27/07 SIM CTR orientation) Pretest due |
| 30 | Nov | The clinical interview: Fundamentals and Mental Status Exams, including the Folstein
<u>Reading:</u> (Zuckerman pg. 21-39 & 141-157; Groth-Marnat, ch. 3, pg. 69-101) |
| 3 | Dec | The clinical interview pt 2: Signs, symptoms, and behaviors
<u>Reading:</u> (Zuckerman pg. 42-72 & 103-140 & 158-225) |
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<u>Reading:</u> (Zuckerman pg. 42-72 & 103-140 & 158-225) |
| 10 | Dec | The clinical interview pt 3: Report writing
<u>Reading:</u> (Zuckerman p. 79-98 & 261-299; Groth-Marnat, ch. 15, pg. 621-671)
Pt write-up (Day Dream) due for class discussion |

(12/11/07 Clinical IV at SIM CTR)

14	Dec		WAIS-III Orientation/History <u>Reading:</u> (Groth-Marnat, ch. 5, pg. 129-195)
17	Dec		WAIS-III Administration <u>Homework:</u> (administer WAIS to class mate and score)
21	Dec		<i>No Class - Rescheduled for later extended session (1/11/08) per student request</i>
24-4	Dec-Jan		<i>No Class - Winter break</i>
7	Jan	M	WAIS-III Post Admin Debrief and review of scoring (Scored WAIS due) (1/8/08 part I of III at SIM CTR)
11 3hr	Jan	F	Military Psychology: Administrative issues, jargon, and EAP model verses military settings (similarities and differences) limits of confidentiality – who do you work for? Military Psychology: Medical Boards, Limited Duty, and Profiles. <u>Reading:</u> (Groth-Marnat, ch. 2, pg. 37-68) Instruction on Administrative Separations - handout
14	Jan	M	<i>Mid-Term Exam</i> - (Interviewing, Report Writing, MIL, and WAIS-III)
18	Jan	F	Review of Mid-Term Exam; ER evaluations /Suicide Assessment <u>Reading:</u> (Zuckerman pg. 194-198 & 320)
21	Jan	M	<i>No Class – MLK holiday</i> (1/22/08 Part II of III WAIS at SIM CTR)
25 3hr	Jan	F	MCMII (guest speaker Dr. Cynthia Bartok– former Navy Psychologist NNMC) <u>Reading:</u> (Groth-Marnet, ch. 8)
28	Jan	M	<i>No class because 2/1 will be three hours</i>
1 3hr	Feb	F	MMPI (guest speaker Dr. Cynthia Bartok– former Navy Psychologist NNMC) <u>Reading:</u> (Groth-Marnet, ch. 7)
4	Feb	M	<i>No class because 2/8 will be three hours</i> (1/5/ 08 Part III of III WAIS at SIM CTR)
8 3hr	Feb	F	Forensics: Military and general, 706’s procedures and write-ups (guest speaker Dr. Michail Charissis – WR Forensic Fellow) <u>Reading:</u> Possible Handout TBA
11	Feb	M	<i>Final Exam</i> <u>Homework:</u> Make your own HTP complete your own ISB
Feb			<i>Final Exam Review in TA session (location, date, and time TBA)</i>

15 Feb F
3hr

Projective Measures (Guest speaker Dr. Marvin Podd, NNMC) @ NNMC conf rm
Articles: The Hard Science of Rorschach Research: What do we know and where do we go? Approaches to Rorschach Validation.
Homework: Administer TAT/HTP/ISB to peer
(2/19/ 08 TAT/HTP/ISB at SIM CTR)