

PSY 6850 Syllabus: Family and Couple Therapy Practicum

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Meeting Day: Tuesdays 9:00-11:30am

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**Course Description:**

The purpose this therapy practicum is to develop competency in clinical assessment, conceptualization, and therapy skills in the area of family and couple therapy. There will be some review of basic therapeutic skills in addition to an emphasis on specific assessment techniques and treatment issues for couples and families. The practical, diagnostic, therapeutic and professional issues involved in providing assessment and



**Workload expectations for the practicum are:**

(1) Each student will complete at least one intake interview with a couple or family during the semester and make an oral presentation at the Clinic staff meeting.

(2) Each student will complete at least one full assessment per semester. The assessment

will include an assessment of how the family and environment effects what ever the presenting issue is.

(3) Each student will carry two therapy cases per semester. For ongoing cases (cases carrying over from prior semesters) students will conceptualize the case from a family or systems perspective. Any new cases picked up will be families or couples.

(4) Students are expected to support their class peers and enhance their learning experience by regularly observing their peers conducting therapy and participating in the live supervision discussion. To promote this, intakes will be scheduled when possible at times when other students and myself can observe. Each student will also schedule one therapy session during the semester for live supervision.

(5) Students will complete an assigned reading for each week prior to the practicum