

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS5624							
Subject Title	Counselling Practicum							
Credit Value	6							
Level	5							
Pre-requisite	APSS5630 Theories and Models of Counselling APSS5620 Individual and Group Counselling Skills Workshop APSS5782 Advanced Human Behaviour & Social Environment Attendance of 4 hours of Introduction to Counselling Practicum and 8 hours of Pre-Practicum Workshop							
Assessment Methods	<p>* Full attendance of given schedule of counselling practicum are required for passing the subject.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;">100% Continuous Assessment</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Individual Assessment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> 1. Knowledge and Skills in Counselling (Direct Practice) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Professional qualities, knowledge and integration of both b) Professional conducts </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Term paper</td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">30%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned; The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and Student must pass all components if he/she has to pass the subject. 		100% Continuous Assessment	Individual Assessment	1. Knowledge and Skills in Counselling (Direct Practice) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Professional qualities, knowledge and integration of both b) Professional conducts 	70%	2. Term paper	30%
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Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide intensive training on professional helping relationship building strategies and intervention methods in supervised real settings. 2. To develop the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor learning in counselling practice. 3. To introduce the characteristics and dimensions related to such counsellor-client relationship. 							
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Appraise the broad-based knowledge of human service with the professional knowledge and skills for guidance and counselling in working with different clientele. b. Select relevant knowledge of related disciplines in case assessment, formulation of intervention plans and evaluation of the individual client's needs 							

	c. Evaluate the working relationship building process and appreciate the roles of counsellor in the helping process.																		
Subject Synopsis / Indicative Syllabus	<p>This module provides students the opportunity of direct practice of counselling under close and intensive supervision. Students are required to complete a supervised practicum including 62.5 hours of face-to-face client contact, 20 hours of group supervision and 4 hours of individual supervision.</p> <p>Students are expected to develop competence in establishing counselling relationship, theory-practice integration, provision of counselling intervention, and outcome evaluation. Students receive on-site weekly individual and group supervision, in which they are also encouraged to critically reflect on the relevance of the theories and practice approaches acquired through coursework for the local context.</p>																		
Teaching / Learning Methodology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A counselling service is set up and operated in campus to support the Counselling Practicum. Real clients with genuine counselling needs are recruited from the community and PolyU campus. Students are assigned to serve the clients. 2. Students are organized into small groups. Each group is responsible for providing counselling on a certain day of the week during the Practicum period. The whole Practicum lasts for 25 weeks in an academic year. 3. With clients' consent, the counselling sessions are video/audio-recorded for learning, review and discussion. 4. Students receive on-site weekly group supervision and individual supervision by a well-qualified supervisor. Students are guided to make use of the learning gained from the Practicum. 5. Finally, students are required to write a term paper to conceptualize a case by integrating theories and practice of not only counselling and guidance, but also theories related to human development, social policy, ethics and human service and other subjects they have taken from the programme. 																		
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	<p>(2) the vigor of their case analysis and reflection on practice during supervision;</p> <p>(3) their participation in supervision sessions, and;</p> <p>(4) the integration and synthesis of learning in the programme as demonstrated in the case conceptualization paper.</p>	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	▪ Supervised counselling practice	62.5 Hrs.
	▪ Group supervision	20 Hrs.
	▪ Individual supervision	4 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Reading prescribed book chapters and articles	40 Hrs.
	▪ Viewing cases' videotapes and practice	75 Hrs.
	▪ Writing term paper	25 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	226.5 Hrs.
Reading List and References	<p><u>Core Reading Materials:</u></p> <p>Berman, P. (2019). <i>Case conceptualization and treatment planning: integrating theory with clinical practice</i> (Fourth Edition.). SAGE Publications, Inc.</p> <p>Boelen, P. A., Van Den Hout, M. A., & Van Den Bout, J. (2006). A Cognitive-Behavioral Conceptualization of Complicated Grief. <i>Clinical Psychology (New York, N.Y.)</i>, 13(2), 109–128. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2850.2006.00013.x</p> <p>Corey, G. (2024). <i>Theory and practice of counseling and psychotherapy</i> (Eleventh edition.). Cengage.</p> <p>Cormier, L. S. (Louise S.), Nurius, P., & Osborn, C. J. (2017). <i>Interviewing and change strategies for helpers</i> (Eighth edition.). Cengage Learning.</p> <p>Egan, G., & Reese, R. J. (2019). <i>The skilled helper: a problem-management and opportunity-development approach to helping</i> (Eleventh edition.). Cengage.</p> <p>Hill, C. E. (2014). <i>Helping skills: facilitating exploration, insight, and action</i> (Fourth edition.). American Psychological Association.</p> <p>Ivey, A. E., Ivey, M. B., & Zalaquett, C. P. (2023). <i>Intentional interviewing and counseling: facilitating client development in a multicultural society</i> (Tenth edition.). Cengage.</p> <p>Sperry, L., & Sperry, J. J. (2012). <i>Case conceptualization: mastering this competency with ease and confidence</i>. Routledge.</p> <p>Welfel, E. R. (2016). <i>Ethics in counseling and psychotherapy: standards, research, and emerging issues</i> (Sixth edition.). Cengage Learning.</p>	

Other Books

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