HCE 627 Group Counseling Practicum

This course focuses on the development of concepts, attitudes, and skills necessary to lead counseling groups effectively in a variety of settings. Integration of group dynamics with counseling theory and group techniques is emphasized. Additionally, behavior of leader and participants is analyzed to promote a deeper understanding of group roles and functions.

Prerequisite: HCE 621 and HCE 626, or permission of the instructor.

Credit Hours: 3
Course Type: Variable
Ideal Class Size: 12

Relationship to CEHD Core Values
Democracy: Students explore democratic, autocratic, and laissez-faire styles of group leadership.
Civility & Caring: These values are at the core of every counseling course. Civility in the communication process is emphasized.
Equity & Diversity: Pluralistic perspectives are explored as a part of understanding how to work in groups.
Social Justice: Not directly examined in this course.
Scholarship: All research papers are completed according to APA guidelines.
Professional Learning & Continuous Improvement: One of the major elements of CACREP-accredited programs.
Ethical Practice: Students sign a Code of Ethics Attestation statement upon entry into the Counselor Education program, and all students are responsible for abiding by the professional Code of Ethics in all course work and activities that represent program outcomes and standards.

Course Goal

To enable students to experientially study and acquire group leadership skills.

Course Outcomes

Students will be able to:
1. understand and apply group dynamics within the context of counseling groups
2. develop skill in leading groups
3. describe various theories of group counseling
4. demonstrate awareness of how each group member, including self, participates in the group
5. apply concepts of group leadership and group leadership styles
6. understand legal and ethical issues of group counseling
7. understand how the client's cultural orientation influences group participation and development
8. investigate research related to group counseling theories and techniques
9. describe group counseling methods, including selection criteria and methods of evaluation of effectiveness
10. facilitate an outside group experience for a minimum of 10 hours

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