RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
COURSE OUTLINE

Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis  
Spring 2019

Course: 19:910:507 Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis  
Time:  
Location:  

Instructor:  
Email:  
Office:  

Office Hours: By arrangement  
Office:  

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores major forms of emotional distress in adults, children, and youth, including classification trends, issues, and models. The course provides an introduction to clinical syndromes in terms of diagnostic methodology, research and social concerns and their implications for at risk groups.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This introductory course will familiarize social work students with the major mental disorders. Since mental health issues are ubiquitous in social work settings and practice, it is appropriate that social workers, regardless of concentration or specialization, be acquainted with the language, taxonomy, conceptualizations, and developments in the study of Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis. For those desiring to expand knowledge in this area, the advanced curriculum offers this opportunity. This course serves as the prerequisite for further study of Clinical Disorders.

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-5 (DSM-5) is used as the organizing framework for this course. Though controversial, the DSM-5 has become the standard diagnostic tool used by local, state and federal governments, major health insurance carriers and by several of the academic disciplines. In this course, however, we will critically examine the DSM and its relevance for social work practice.

DSM-5 conceptualizes a mental disorder as a clinically significant behavioral or psychological syndrome or pattern that occurs in an individual and that is associated with present distress (e.g., a painful symptom) or disability (i.e., impairment in one or more important areas of functioning),
or with a significantly increased risk of suffering death, pain, disability, or an important loss of freedom. The adequacy and appropriateness of this conceptual framework to illuminate and enhance understanding of the human phenomena seen in social work practice is addressed throughout the course. Factors such as cultural differences, race and ethnicity, social class, gender and age are discussed in terms of their possible influence on clinical judgment and the diagnostic process. Thus, the selection of content areas has been based on several considerations:

1. Clinical syndromes social workers are most apt to encounter, either directly in micro practice, or indirectly in macro practice.

2. Clinical phenomena that are extensively dealt with in other curriculum offerings receive less focus, e.g., developmental disabilities, alcohol and other drugs, and mental disorders associated with the aging process.

3. Those conditions requiring medical sophistication for evaluation and treatment will also receive less attention e.g. mental disorders due to a general medical condition, organic brain disorders.

This is a required course for all students in the Generalist year.

PROGRAM LEVEL LEARNING GOALS AND THE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION’S SOCIAL WORK COMPETENCIES

The MSW Program at Rutgers is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). CSWE’s accreditation standards can be reviewed at www.cswe.org.

In keeping with CSWE standards, the Rutgers School of Social Work has integrated the CSWE competencies within its curriculum. These competences serve as program level Learning Goals for the MSW Program and include the following. Upon completion of their MSW education students will be able to: demonstrate ethical and professional behavior; engage in diversity and difference in practice; advance human rights and social, economic and environmental justice; engage in practice informed research and research informed practice; engage with individuals, families, groups organizations and communities; intervene with individual, families, groups organizations and communities; and evaluate practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

This course will assist students in developing the following competencies:

**Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior:** Social workers understand the value base of the profession and its ethical standards, as well as relevant laws and regulations that may impact practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Social workers understand frameworks of ethical decision-making and how to apply principles of critical thinking to those frameworks in practice, research, and policy arenas. Social workers recognize personal values and the distinction between personal and professional values. They also understand how their personal experiences and affective reactions influence their professional judgment and behavior. Social workers understand the profession’s history, its mission, and the roles and responsibilities of the
profession. Social Workers also understand the role of other professions when engaged in inter-professional teams. Social workers recognize the importance of life-long learning and are committed to continually updating their skills to ensure they are relevant and effective. Social workers also understand emerging forms of technology and the ethical use of technology in social work practice. (Taken from the following site: cswe.org)

Assessment of Competencies/Program Level Learning Goals: Because this course focuses on providing you with the knowledge, skills, and values for you to engage in ethical and professional behavior, it has been selected to be part of the School of Social Work overall assessment program. This means that one of the course assignments, the “Case of Monica” on the midterm, has been designed to assess your attainment of the competency.

**COURSE LEARNING GOALS**

Course level learning goals primarily relate to the aforementioned competencies/program level learning goals as the course addresses policy analysis skills and competencies as well as addresses human rights and social, economic and environmental justice through the study of the evolution of the US welfare state and the emergence of the social work profession.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. To understand the DSM-5 as the current representation of a changing classification model and its application for the diagnosis of children, youth, and adults.

2. To appreciate the potential abuse of diagnostic classification as a means of social control, in general, and its significance for vulnerable populations, in particular.

3. To understand the social worker's particular contribution to the diagnostic process, and the policies and societal norms that promote and constrain the diagnostic-intervention process.

4. To recognize the possible conflict between social work norms, ethics, and values and the classification system.

5. To become familiar with the significant areas of empirical investigation concerning mental health and disorders, and understand the role of theory and how it relates to the empirical investigation regarding mental health and disorders.

6. To understand the increasing role of psychopharmacology in the treatment of mental disorders, and the professional knowledge, responsibilities, and limitations of the social worker’s role with respect to the use of psychopharmacology in treatment.

7. To understand and reflect on the stigmatizing patterns (language, media portrayal, discrimination) that exist in society towards individuals and their families with mental illness and the role of social workers in advocating for social justice outcomes in diminishing stigmatizing behaviors.
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK MISSION STATEMENT AND SCHOOL WIDE LEARNING GOALS

The mission of the Rutgers University School of Social Work MSW program is to advance competent, ethical, evidence-based and community and critically-informed master’s level social work practice that promotes social and economic justice and strengthens individual, family, and community well-being with an understanding of diversity in local, national and global contexts.

Upon graduation, all students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior;
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice; and
3. Engage, Assess, and Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

REQUIRED TEXTS

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, DSM-5. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association. [This book can be accessed via the Rutgers University Library. Click on Indexes and Databases; the index you are looking for is entitled, “PsychiatryOnline”. Additionally, the diagnostic criteria for each of the disorders can be retrieved via the Diagnostic Criteria Mobile APP.]

Please keep in mind that since the DSM-5 was conceived as a dynamic text use of the online version of the text allows access to the updated data on clinical disorders.


Readings from journals and other sources can be obtained from Rutgers-eReserve (search on instructor "Sharpe, Gina."). To obtain the readings, you will need to login to the library with your NETID to read or download them. Readings are listed by units.

RECOMMENDED TEXT


COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Students are expected to be active learners and collaborators. Students are expected to contribute knowledge and observations to discussions. Regular class attendance with active participation is expected. When students participate actively in class discussions learning is enhanced. It is important that reading assignments be completed prior to each session. Please take responsibility for seeking clarification of difficult material encountered in the text, readings, and lectures. At the end of each class session, readings for the subsequent class will be assigned.

Class attendance is not optional. Students are expected to notify the instructor prior to missing a session (see email and telephone numbers above). With 2 or more absences, the professor reserves the right to reduce the final grade. Students who leave during breaks will be marked as absent. You will not be penalized for missing class for appropriate reasons (e.g. illness and religious observances). If you are absent for medical reasons, you must bring a note from your doctor. Students are required to take the examinations on the designated dates. No make-up examinations will be given unless a physician has certified, in writing, that you are unable to take the examination.

All written work must be typed. Late assignments will not be accepted, unless the student has made arrangements prior to the assignment due date. The professor reserves the right to reduce the letter grade for late assignments. All written assignments must follow APA format. The professor reserves the right to reduce the letter grade for any assignment that does not conform to APA format (see this website for a useful guide to APA, http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/write/apastyle.html)

Student behavior in this course must comply with the university’s code of conduct. The entire code of contact can be attained from Student Judicial Affairs Office or on-line at http://studentsconduct.rutgers.edu/university-code-of-student-conduct. Students should be aware that violations of academic integrity, for example plagiarism of any kind, would result in expulsion from the program.

Please do not use cell phones or laptops during class, unless they are required for your learning. You will be dismissed from class if you use these devices for surfing the internet or answering email. This course is meant to be a conversation. Electronic devices easily disrupt attention interrupt the learning process.

Methods of Evaluation

Grades for the course will be weighted as follows:

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(Note: Format of case submissions will be decided by your instructor) **Instructors please advise students in your course section how you would like case
exercises submitted. (i.e before class, after class, also the learning platform if cases are to be submitted via dropbox).

Final Project: For instructions, see pages 33-34 of this syllabus.)

**Grading Standards**

A = Exceptional or outstanding work; student demonstrates full understanding of material, displays unusual analytical and/or creative ability; extremely thorough work; must be well organized and conform to accepted standards of writing including correct grammar, accurate spelling, etc.; cites material correctly. Work is completed by the due date.

B+ = Above average work in terms of understanding material and ability to apply material from lectures and readings to own proposed project. Work must be organized and conform to accepted standards of writing; cites material correctly. Work is completed by the due date.

B = Good work; demonstrates understanding of material; written materials well organized and conforms to accepted standards of grammar, spelling punctuation, etc.; cites material correctly. Work is completed by the due date.

C = Acceptable work, similar to C+ but reveals greater problems in applying the concepts and techniques to own work, fails to cover some important point(s). Some problems in organizing and presenting written materials; cites material incorrectly; too many direct quotes; fails to paraphrase and cite appropriately.

Grade cut-offs for all courses offered by the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work (MSW) as follows:

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*Scores to be rounded up at .5

**COURSE EVALUATION**

Rutgers University evaluates both the course and the instructor. This survey is completed by students toward the end of the semester; all answers are confidential and anonymous. The instructor may also choose to conduct a midterm evaluation.

**Resources and Important Links:**
• National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)
• National Institute of Mental Health
• National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
• National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
• National Mental Health Association
• Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**WRITING ASSISTANCE**

Success in graduate school and within the larger profession of social work depends on strong writing skills. Several resources are available to help students strengthen their professional and academic writing skills. Writing assistance is available to all MSW students as described below.

**New Brunswick Campus**

All MSW SSW students (NB, Camden, Newark, IW, online and blended) are eligible to access writing assistance at the New Brunswick Learning Center. Online tutoring may also be available.

Contact: https://rlc.rutgers.edu/student-info/group-and-individual-academic-support/writing-coaching

**Newark Campus**

The Newark writing center is available for MSW students on the Newark campus by appointment.

http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/writingcenter

**Camden Campus**

The Camden learning center provides writing assistance for MSW students on the Camden campus.

http://learn.camden.rutgers.edu/writing-assistance

**Office on Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance**

Our school is committed to fostering a safe, productive learning environment. Title IX and our school policy prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, which regards sexual misconduct—including harassment, domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. We understand that sexual violence can undermine students’ academic success and we encourage students who have experienced some form of sexual misconduct to talk to someone about their experience, so they can get the support they need.

Confidential support and academic advocacy are available through the Rutgers Office on
Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance, 732.932.1181, http://vpva.rutgers.edu. Services are free and confidential and available 24 hrs/day, 7 days a week.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit 1-

The DSM-5: Overview, History, Critique

Required Readings:


Recommended Reading:


Required Viewings:

The World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule 2.0 (WHODAS). Click on the link below or paste into web browser. This video will give you a good overview on how to administer and score the WHODAS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr5adt78zB0.

ICD 10 Documentation Education: Mental and Behavioral Disorders. Click on the link below or paste into web browser.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzkNIyqnlQg

*Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Diagnostic Criteria*
If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Diagnostic Criteria

**Recommended Viewing:**

The Dekalb Lecture Series. Click on link below or paste into web browser.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9pru53UcbA

**Unit 2-**

**Diagnostic Interviewing, Mental Status Examination, and Assessment**

**Required Readings:**

DSM-5: Topics-- Assessment Measures, Other Conditions that may be the Focus of Clinical Attention, and Cultural Formulation Interview, 715-727 & 733-759


**Recommended Readings:**


*Suicide Risk Assessment Guide*—

http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/Suicide_Risk_Assessment_Reference_Guide.pdf


**Required Viewings:** Cultural Formulation. This video will demonstrate how to conduct a Cultural Interview.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqFrszJ6iP8&app=desktop

**Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Other Conditions**

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3295292

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Other Conditions

**Recommended Viewing:** Mental Status Examination. This video will provide you with a good overview of the types of behaviors you should be looking for when conducting a mental status examination. Click on the link below or paste in web browser.

http://aitlvideo.uc.edu/aitl/MSE/MSEkm.swf

**Recommended Viewing:** Introduction to the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSRS) Webinar. This video will provide you with information about the prevalence of suicide among adolescents, military personnel, police, and other populations. Additionally, you will learn how to administer the CSSRS.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01P6id9wvig&feature=youtu.be

**Recommended Viewing:** Clinical Interview, Parts I, II, & III. These videos provide you will a good overview of how to conduct a clinical interview.

**Part I:**

**Part II:**

**Part III:**
http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=clinical+interview%2C+part+3+with+Todd&qs=n&form=QBVR&pq=clinical+interview%2C+part+3+with+todd&sc=0-0&sp=-1&sk=
Come to class prepared to discuss what insights you learned about how to conduct a mental status examination and a clinical interview. Additionally, be prepared to discuss what questions would be important to ask when conducting a Cultural Formulation Interview with a Mexican American client. You should also be prepared to discuss the impact that culture may have on formulating a diagnosis.

**Unit 3-**

**Neurodevelopmental Disorders**

**Required Readings:**

DSM-5: Topics—Neurodevelopmental Disorders, 31-86.


**Recommended Readings:**


**Required Readings on Ethics:**

The readings below must be done prior to the midterm exam. As stated in syllabus, this course will assist students in developing the following Council on Social Work prescribed competency: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior.


**Recommended Readings on Ethics:**

NASW, ASWB, CSWE, & CSWA Standards for Technology
https://www.socialworkers.org/Practice/Practice-Standards-Guidelines

**Required Viewing: Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Neurodevelopmental Disorders**

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3295278 (Neurodevelopmental Disorders)

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/2875456 (Clinical, Ethical and Controversial Considerations Using the DSM-5)

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Watch Psychotropic Medication Lecture. Click on link below or copy and paste into your web browser.

https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B9JrEEM9BVy4dmtBbE1FN1BxYmM/edit?pli=1

Come to class prepared to discuss the classes of medications and their side effects. Additionally, come prepared to discuss why it is important for social workers to know about psychopharmacological interventions. Thinking about Case 2.1 from the Pomeroy book, identify what challenges you might encounter developing and maintaining a professional relationship working with this client and her family? What strategies can you put into place to ensure you maintain professionalism in working with this client and her family?

**Instructors please advise students in your course section how you would like case exercises submitted. (i.e before class, after class, also the learning platform if cases are to**
be submitted via dropbox).

**Case Exercises:** Case 2.1 & 2.2. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis.* Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted.

**Unit 4-**

**Disruptive, Impulse-Control and Conduct Disorders**

**Required Readings:**

DSM-5: Topics—Disruptive, Impulse-Control Disorders, 461-480.


**Recommended Readings:**


**Listen to podcast:** "Behind Mental Health Stigmas in Black Communities". Click on link below or copy and paste into your web browser.

http://www.npr.org/2012/08/20/159376802/behind-mental-health-stigmas-in-black-communities
Required Viewing: Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Impulse-Control and Conduct Disorder

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3218993

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Impulse-Control and Conduct Disorder

Come to class prepared to discuss how the article by Hinshaw helped you understand how stigma affects the help-seeking behavior of African American males who have mental disorders. Be prepared to discuss what can be done in order to provide needed services for this population. Additionally, come to class prepared to discuss how the theories of how conduct disorder develops and the implications of these theories for treatment.

Case Exercise: Case 15.1. Pomeroy, E. (2015). The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis. Please carefully review this case and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted

Unit 5-
Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders

Required Readings:

DSM-5: Topics—Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, 481-589.


Required Viewings: PBS: Frontline, The Meth Epidemic. Click on link below or copy and paste into your web browser.

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/meth/

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Click on link below or copy and paste into your web browser.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3hJ11kJ6f7s&feature=PlayList&p=85C1E36206E17BB3&pl
Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Addictive Disorders

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3218995

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Addictive Disorders

**Recommended Readings:**


**Case Exercise:** Case 16.4. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis*. Please carefully review this case and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. **Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted**

Come to class prepared to discuss what insights you have learned about the Meth Epidemic and conducting the substance abuse assessment. Be prepared to discuss what challenges you may encounter in working with families who have been affected by the Meth Epidemic, and relevant policies or laws that may affect service provision to these families.

**Unit 6—Depressive Disorders**

**Required Readings:**


DSM-5: Topics—Depressive Disorders, 155-188.


**Recommended Readings:**

**Required Viewing: Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Depressive Disorders**

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3158834

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Depressive Disorder

**Case Exercises:** Cases 5.1 and 5.2 Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis.* Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. **Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted**

**Unit 7-**

**Bipolar and Related Disorders**

**Required Readings:**

DSM-5: Topics—Bipolar and Related Disorders, 123-154.


**Recommended Reading:**


Case Exercises: Cases 4.1 and 4.2. Pomeroy, E. (2015). The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted

Come to class prepared to discuss the article by Haeri et al. Be prepared to discuss why these disparities exists and what strategies social workers can use to address mental health disparities.

Required Viewings: Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Bipolar Disorders

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3158832

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Bipolar Disorder

Unit 8-

Anxiety Disorders

Required Readings:


DSM-5: Topics—Anxiety Disorders, 189-223.


Recommended Readings:


**Required Viewings:** Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Anxiety Disorders

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3158836

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Anxiety Disorders

**Case Exercises:** Case 6.1 and 6.4. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis*. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. **Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted**

Come to class prepared to discuss the article by Asnanni et al.

Spring break starts as of Saturday, March 16, 2019 to Sunday, March 24, 2019. There are no classes during Spring Break.

**Unit 9-**

**Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders**

**Required Readings:**


Recommended Readings:


**Case Exercises**: Case 7.2 and 7.3. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis*. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. **Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted**

Come prepared to discuss the article by D’Alessandro. Be prepared to discuss the implications of the theories mentioned in the articles for treatment of children diagnosed with OCD.

**Required Viewings**: Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder


If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

[http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv](http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv) and then search for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

**Unit 10-**

**Trauma-and Stress Related Disorders**

**Required Readings:**

DSM-5: Topic—Trauma-and Stress Related Disorders, 265-290.


Recommended Readings:


Required Viewing: Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Trauma-and Stress Related Disorders

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3158840

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Trauma-and Stress Related Disorders

Case Exercises: Cases 8.2 and 8.9. Pomeroy, E. (2015). The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted

Come prepared to discuss the articles by Kline and Rauch et al.

Unit 11-

Personality Disorders

Required Readings:

DSM-5: Topics--Personality Disorders, 645-684.


Recommended Reading:


**Required Viewings:** *Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Personality Disorders*

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3218997

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Personality Disorders

Come to class prepared to discuss the article by Skodol and Bender.

**Case Exercises:** Case 18.1 and 18.2. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis*. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. **Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted**

**Unit 12**

**Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders**

**Required Reading:**

DSM-5: Topic—Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders, 87-122.


**Recommended Readings:**


Choose one of the videos or podcasts below. Come to class prepared to answer the following questions: What perceptions did you have about schizophrenia prior to doing this assignment? After doing this assignment did your perceptions change or stay the same? If they changed or stayed the same, why do you think they changed or stayed the same? and Was what you learned by doing this assignment consistent or not consistent with what you have read about schizophrenia.

Madness Radio: Art and Schizophrenia Louis Sass 1-hour podcast. Click on link below or copy and paste into your web browser.

http://www.madnessradio.net/madness-radio-art-and-schizophrenia-louis-sass

Janssen Pharmaceutica - Schizophrenia Simulation on sights and sounds of schizophrenia. Click on link below or copy and paste into your web browser.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T14neSm599g

Schizophrenia and Social Work: Interview with Shaun Eack, Ph.D. 33-minute podcast. Click on link below or copy and paste into your web browser.


**Required Viewing:** *Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders*

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3158829

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below
http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders

**Case Exercises:** Case 3.1 and 3.2. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis*. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. **Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted**

Come to class prepared to discuss the article by Coldwell, Meddings, and Camic.

**Unit 13-**

**Feeding and Eating Disorders and Elimination Disorders**

**Required Readings:**


**Recommended Readings:**


**Required Viewings: Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Eating and Elimination Disorders**

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3218989 (Eating Disorder)

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3295282 (Elimination Disorder)

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http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Eating Disorders or Elimination Disorder

Come to class prepared to discuss the articles by Buser (2010), Smart et al. (2011), and Strother et al. (2012).

**Case Exercises:** Case 11.1 and 11.3. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis*. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected to participate in discussion of the cases. **Your instructor will provide you with instructions on how case exercises are to be submitted**

**Unit 14-**

**Dissociative Disorder, Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders and Gender Dysphoria**

**Required Readings:**


**Required Viewings:** Diagnosing Mental Disorders: DSM-5™ and ICD-10: Dissociative Disorders, Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders, and Gender Dysphoria

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3218987 (Dissociative Disorder)

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3295280 (Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders)

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.libraries.rutgers.edu/view/work/3295284 (Gender Dysphoria)

If the above link does not work, you will need to use the link below

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/indexes/ctiv and then search for Dissociative Disorders, Gender Dysphoria,

**Recommended Readings:**


**Case Exercises:** Cases 9.2, 10.2, and 14.2. Pomeroy, E. (2015). *The clinical assessment workbook: Balancing strengths and differential diagnosis*. Please carefully review these cases and answer the required questions and come to class prepared to make a diagnostic formulation. When making your diagnosis, please be sure to use both the DSM-5 and ICD coding. These exercises are graded. You are expected participate in discussion of the cases. You are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the article by Ringrose.

**UNIT 15- Final Class - Exam**

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- Submitting a purchased or downloaded term paper or other materials to satisfy a course requirement.
- Incorporating into one’s work graphs, drawings, photographs, diagrams, tables, spreadsheets, computer programs, or other nontextual material from other sources without proper attribution”.

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American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, DSM-5.* Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association. [This book can be accessed via the Rutgers University Library. Click on Indexes and Databases; the index you are looking for is entitled, “PsychiatryOnline”. Additionally, the diagnostic criteria for each of the disorders can be retrieved via the Diagnostic Criteria Mobile APP.]


Brand, B. L., Lanius, R., Vermetten, E. Loewenstein, R. J., & Spiegel, D., Where are we going? An update on assessment, treatment, and neurobiological research on dissociative disorders as we move toward the DSM-5. *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation, 13,* 9-31.


Suicide Risk Assessment Guide—
http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/Suicide_Risk_Assessment_Reference_Guide.pdf


**BOOKS- Personal Stories of Mental Illness**


**Additional Resources**


19:910:507 Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis

Instructions: This assignment should be typed and double-spaced, with one-inch margins. It is to be no more than 10 pages, with a 12-point font size. The 10-page length requirement does not include the title page or reference page but it does include both parts of the assignment outlined below. This paper requires that you include a reference page consisting of 15 scholarly references. The number of citations in the text must be the same number of references listed on the reference page. For the purpose of this assignment, you can select any of the disorders covered in the DSM-5. This assignment will be checked for appropriate citing and paraphrasing of material using Turnitin.

The reference and citation style must follow that of the American Psychological Association (APA). Students are expected to comply with the Rutgers University Policy on Academic Integrity at all times. (Rutgers University Policy on Academic Integrity)

There is a rubric provided at the end of this document, which will be used in grading the assignment. Make sure to review this.

In your paper, you must address the following:

(1) Specify the diagnostic criteria of the clinical disorder you have selected.

(2) Identify two conditions that share similar signs and symptoms to this disorder. Discuss
the process of differential diagnosis and how would you distinguish between these disorders and the disorder that you have selected during an assessment.

(3) Identify the prevalence rates for the clinical disorder you have selected, including prevalence rates for at least two of the following groups: gender, race, ethnicity, social economic status, differently abled or sexual orientation.

(4) Discuss some of the ways in which this disorder could impact an individual's social functioning (home, school, work, family, and relationships).

(5) Discuss two theories that have been used to explain the etiology of the disorder. What are the implications of these theories for the treatment of the disorder?

(6) Identify at least two interventions, one psychosocial and one psychopharmacological, used to treat this disorder. Discuss why these interventions are shown to be effective. Discuss the side–effects of the psychopharmacological interventions.

(7) Identify two community-based resources located in the state you reside that an individual with this disorder might find useful. Discuss why these resources could be important for persons who have this disorder and how to access them.
**Classes of Medications**

- **Antipsychotics** are used in the treatment of schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders like mania. They include the typical antipsychotics like chlorpromazine or haloperidol and the newer atypical antipsychotics like aripiprazole or olanzapine. These are powerful medications that are intended to treat serious disorders and they can sometimes have serious side effects or complications; they typically require close psychiatric management.

- **Mood stabilizers** like lithium and the anticonvulsants are used to reduce the risk for mania and depression in bipolar patients and, like the antipsychotics, typically require psychiatric management.

- **Antidepressants** are widely used in the treatment of depression and anxiety. The newer SSRIs are relatively safe and widely prescribed in primary care settings; older types of antidepressants like the tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) and monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) work at least as well but are more difficult to manage.

- **Stimulants** like methylphenidate and dextroamphetamine are commonly used in the treatment of attention-deficit disorder (with or without hyperactivity) in children and adolescents and are sometimes used to augment other medications in the treatment of depression. Stimulants can be addictive and there are ongoing concerns about their effects on growth and development in young people, but they appear to have an important role in the treatment of more severe instances of ADHD (together with careful CBT behavior management strategies).

- **Anxiolytics** include benzodiazepines like diazepam and chlordiazepoxide and are used to treat anxiety and stress-related disorders. Although widely prescribed and providing very rapid symptom relief, they can be addictive if used for too long (especially the high-potency benzodiazepines like alprazolam). CBT sometimes is used to help children and adolescents withdraw from these medications and many psychiatrists now prefer to treat these disorders with the slower acting but nonaddictive antidepressants.

**Hypnotics** include medications like zolpidem that are widely used to treat insomnia but also can be addictive if taken for too long. Once again, CBT has been shown to provide comparable and more lasting relief of pediatric insomnia without the risks associated with medication.
## FINAL ASSIGNMENT GRADING RUBRIC

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**GRADING RUBRIC FOR CASE OF MONICA**

This case will be on the midterm exam and will be used to assess your attainment of the CSWE prescribed competency—**Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior**. The grading rubric below will be used to grade this case.

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