PSC COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - COED & UED (Graduate Courses)

UED 606 Multicultural Concepts and Perspectives (in-person full term) 3 Credits
The course examines the impact of culture on behavior and provides knowledge that candidates can use to increase effectiveness in counseling and leading individuals from other cultures. In addition, candidates explore ways in which their respective cultures form their worldview and how this worldview may impact their interactions with others. Candidates learn about their cultural identity development through an exploration of applicable theories and current research. Candidates learn about the cultural norms of specific groups and explore the importance of implementation of equity of policies and procedures, counseling skills and techniques, and decision-making approaches that best meet the needs of all stakeholders in a diverse society.

COED 612 Human Growth and the Lifespan (on-line mini term) 3 Credits
In this course, candidates will be able to understand the stages of lifespan development with applications to counseling. Current research findings on major developmental issues including physical, social, emotional, speech and language, and cognitive processes of individuals will be emphasized.

COED 620 Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling (on-line mini term) 3 Credits
This course provides an orientation to ethics in the counseling profession through identifying, and exploring relevant issues in counseling practice through research, teaching and examining ethical dilemmas commonly experienced by professional counselors. Coursework covers ACA ethical standards, national and state laws, and regulations as related to accountability, responsibility, client welfare, emotional health, institutional policies, cross cultural and cross social class practices, and their impact on the counseling profession. Focal areas include professional roles and functions, professional identification, the discipline appropriate professional associations and organizations, and publications regarding best practices and strategies in providing counseling services to students, individuals, and families in various counseling settings.

COED 621 Principles of Counseling (in-person full term) 3 Credits
This course is intended to give the beginning counselor an understanding of counseling theory and strategies. It is intended to aid the prospective counselor in establishing a view of counseling based on a firm foundation supported by acknowledged theories of counseling. In addition, the student will develop skills to work with families, individuals, and crisis interventions. Participants will gain an understanding of the counseling theories used in psychodynamic approaches, humanistic, cognitive, and behavioral genres.
UED 622 Counseling Theories and Psychotherapy (in-person full term) 3 Credits
This course is designed to explore the counseling process by examining specific theories and the related research. The counseling theories examined in the course include: (a) Psychoanalytic; (b) Adlerian; (c) Existential; (d) Person-Centered; (e) Gestalt; (f) Behavior; (g) Cognitive Behavior; (h) Reality; (i) Feminist; (j) Postmodern; and, (k) Family Systems with emphasis placed on developing effective techniques for facilitating individual counseling sessions and interviews, helping clients adjust to change, and sponsoring clients’ self-exploration, self-understanding, and self-evaluation. This course aims to familiarize counselor candidates with the application of counseling theory in all aspects of the program as well as the counseling profession.

COED 623 Counseling Technique and Skill (in-person mini term) 3 Credits
This course focuses on the major counseling techniques used in the profession. Emphasis in coursework is placed not only on the counseling techniques but also on the rationale underlying the practice of counseling, theoretical approaches, counseling techniques, and the ethics of counseling. This course is designed to familiarize counselor candidates with the application of counseling techniques in all aspects of the program as well as the counseling profession.

COED 632 Group Counseling Theories and Techniques (in-person mini term) 3 Credits
This course is designed to introduce interpersonal counseling skills necessary in group counseling by exploring group dynamics and group procedures in various counseling settings. This course focuses on analysis of the group process by examining theories and research related to group counseling. Coursework emphasizes the development of effective techniques for conducting group sessions, discussions and interviews, helping clients adjust to change through a group counseling setting, and facilitating clients with self-exploration, self-understanding, and self-evaluation through the group process. The course provides counseling candidates an opportunity to observe and participate in the group counseling process.

COED 638 School Counselors Classroom Management (in-person mini term) 3 Credits
This course will help school counselors understand education in America’s public schools and the role of the school counselor. Candidates will acquire knowledge of the principles of classroom teaching and management. They will learn ways to create a positive, supportive, and respectful learning environment, ways to present interesting and meaningful classroom guidance lessons, and effectively address a range of challenges in the Pre K–12 classroom.
COED 640 Family Systems (on-line mini term) 3 Credits
This course will introduce students to a family systems perspective in regards to client issues brought to the counseling setting. Students will be introduced to the family development framework and common family issues across the family life cycle. The course will also include an introduction to theories of family therapy along with counseling strategies and techniques as well as research in family counseling and family functioning.

COED 644 Addiction Counseling (in-person mini term) 3 Credits
This course provides a summary of addiction counseling based on practical application of both theory and research. The theoretical and practical pragmatic counseling framework serves counseling candidates who are training to be direct service providers with the substance abuse and process addictions population and clinicians who are new to the field of addiction counseling and recovery. Throughout the course, interactive exercises, such as observation, case studies, and discussion exercises are provided to assist in applying the information and to assist in facilitating the integration of the material into treatment and recovery. This course also addresses the growing trends of the substance abuse counseling profession.

COED 645 Testing & Assessment in Community/Schools (in-person full term) 3 Credits
In this course is designed to examine individual and group approaches to formal and informal counseling testing and assessment techniques used in the community and schools. The course includes an examination of the various assessments; use of collaborative information; clarification of assessment concepts; tests selection for various populations; tests administration; results interpretation; statically relevant measures, and ethical and legal issues relative to assessment. Throughout the course, interactive exercises, such as observation, immersive studies, and discussion exercises are provided to assist in applying the information and to assist in facilitating the integration of the material into assessment administration and interpretation. This course addresses the growing trends of assessment in the counseling profession in various settings in community and within school systems.

COED 650 Diagnosis and Treatment (in-person full term) 3 Credits
This course will provide an in-depth review of a broad spectrum of psychopathological conditions as defined in the DSM-V. The focus of this review will include the etiology, prevalence & incidence, signs & symptoms, and criteria for differential diagnosis. The fundamentals of this course will be on comparing and contrasting different theoretical perspectives on each disorder, as well as reviewing the empirical literature on mental illness diagnoses. This course facilitates a broad understanding of philosophical bases of diagnostic processes and step by step treatment based on research and current treatment trends.
COED 677 Career Development/Counseling (on-line mini term) 3 Credits
This course provides candidates with knowledge, skills, and competencies to respond appropriately to the attitudes, behaviors, feelings and thoughts of clients implementing the career counseling function. Additionally, candidates will learn how to assist students and clients in acquiring, processing, and applying information relative to themselves and the world of work. The course is also designed to assist the candidate in synthesizing theoretical constructs and applications of theory in all career development areas.

COED 680 Introduction to Counseling Supervision (on-line mini term) 3 Credits
This course provides the foundation for learning theories and practices of consultation and supervision, including legal and ethical issues. The course includes 3 broad content areas: (a) counseling supervision fundamentals, interpersonal and developmental processes, clinical content, evaluation, gate-keeping, and administrative and case-management tasks (b) individual supervision models, approaches, theories and additional supervision formats; and (c) teaching, learning, and developmental processes for becoming a supervisor. During this course, candidates explore supervision and consultation as unique skills and practices for counseling professionals and counselor educators. Candidates develop their understanding of the purposes of clinical supervision and consultation, theoretical frameworks and models of supervision and consultation, the roles and relationships related to clinical supervision and consultation, and legal, ethical and multicultural issues associated with clinical supervision and consultation.

UED 692 Research Methods (in-person full term) 3 Credits
This course is designed to assist graduate candidates in education and behavioral sciences to develop skills associated with the systematic investigating, collecting, classifying, interpreting, and reporting of data. Candidates will become familiar with scholarly research, terminology, and methodology for evaluating and writing a research proposal.

COED 700 Psychopathology (in-person mini term) 3 Credits
This course is designed to provide an integrated approach for treatment of psychopathology for helping professionals in counseling and other behavioral health professions. This course covers a wide range of definitions and models that focus on psychological disorders, functioning and abnormal psychological behaviors, and conditions of psychopathology based in the DSM-V with an applied understanding of the diagnostic processes, client symptomology and step by step treatment. The comprehensive multicultural and multiphasic coursework focuses on psychopharmacology, prevalent psychotherapies, and theories of abnormal behavior and development in clinical settings which includes using the principles and practices of assessment, diagnosis, treatment, referral, crisis intervention and prevention of mental health disorders to initiate, maintain, and terminate treatment in a variety of behavioral health settings.
COED 710C Counseling Practicum  (in-person full term)  
3 Credits
The course is designed to provide an orientation for candidates as they begin supervised work in the counseling profession. During this initial practicum experience, the candidates will apply knowledge and skills learned throughout the program in working with clients in a supervised field placement. The candidates are required to complete **100 clock hours which are to be fulfilled in an academic term** which include a minimum of **80 hours per term** of direct contact (counseling) hours with clients and a minimum of 10 hours of group work. The remaining **20 hours per term** consists of indirect hours accrued performing other counseling-related duties. Candidates receive 1 hour of individual supervision by site and university supervisors weekly and 1-2 hours of group supervision during the academic term. The experiences must be approved by the Practicum Supervisor and Professor.

UED 720C Crisis and Trauma Intervention  (online mini term)  
3 Credits
This course explores the conceptual and practical impact of crises, disasters, and other trauma-causing events while gaining a basic understanding of emergency management systems in agencies across the community. Principles and strategies of crisis intervention with models for pre-and post-crisis planning are addressed as well as assessment methods, crisis treatment, and resources used in various traumatic crises and systemic trauma situations.

UED 793 Internship I  (in-person full term)  
3 Credits
The internship is structured as the culminating practical experience for the candidates. This experience will vary in depth and range in the following areas: (a) policy and professional ethics, (b) program planning, (c) small group facilitation, (d) individual counseling, (e) lifestyle / career planning, (f) appraisals and assessment, (g) multicultural relevancy, (h) student consultation, and (i) community involvement and service-learning.

UED 794 Internship II  (in-person full term)  
3 Credits
This course serves as an extension of UED 793 (see UED 793)