

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Course Number: SW393R13

Unique Number: 61595

Semester: Fall 2017

Meeting Time: Wednesday 5:30 to 8:30

Meeting Place: SSW 1.212

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Office Hours: By appointment

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COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR THERAPY

I. Standardized Course Description

This course is designed as an advanced clinical selective for graduate students in the School of Social Work who wish to increase knowledge and skills for practice with cognitive behavior therapy. Students will develop a working understanding of cognitive behavioral practice becoming knowledgeable about classical formulations of this practice model. In addition, students will select, analyze, and integrate contemporary empirically based cognitive behavioral intervention strategies into the classical model. Finally, students will incorporate cognitive behavioral methods into their own personal social work practice model.

II. Standardized Course Objectives

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the theory and basic practice principles of different types of cognitive behavior therapy (e.g., REBT, ACT, Mindfulness-based) in the current context of practice.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the historical development of approaches to cognitive behavior therapy, critical thinking related to assessment and intervention procedure of these approaches.
3. Demonstrate skills in the evidence based practice process in assessment, treatment planning and application of advanced cognitive behavior therapy techniques with individuals and groups within a social work human behavior framework.
4. Sensitively differentiate the need for appropriate variations in cognitive-behavioral approaches for use with diverse social, gender, ages, ethnic and cultural groups, at-risk populations and individuals with differences in life experiences.
5. Demonstrate the ability to identify and work through values conflicts and ethical dilemmas related to the use of cognitive behavioral methods.
6. Demonstrate an ability to integrate the cognitive behavioral practice approaches into a broader personal model of social work practice.

IV. Required:

Required Texts and Materials (4 Texts)

Cognitive Behavioral: Approaches for Counselors Diane Shea	The Mindful Way Through Depression: Freeing Yourself from Chronic Unhappiness Mark Williams, John Teasdale, Zindel Segal, and Jon Kabat-Zinn
Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Steven C. Hayes & Jason Lillis	DBT Skills Training Manual, 2 nd Edition Marsha M. Linehan

Social Worker's Desk Reference:

Chapter 33: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy by M Elizabeth Vonk & Theresa J. Early.
Pp 257-263

Chapter 82: Cognitive Restructuring Techniques by Donal K. Granvold & Bruce A. Thyer. Pp 640-647

Any other readings I will make available either in class or on CANVAS.

Recommended Resources/Books: (Journals available in SSW Learning Resource Center)

- Journal of Cognitive Psychotherapy
- Cognitive Therapy and Research
- Cognitive and Behavioral Practice
- Journal of Rational-Emotive & Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Albert Ellis, *A New Guide to Rational Living*

V. Course Requirements

- Reading assignments should be completed prior to class and will provide the basis for discussion. Students are encouraged to ask questions and make comments during lectures. Students' questions and comments provide the instructor an important assessment tool for whether readings are being completed outside of class.
- Each student will submit several brief assignments throughout the course of the semester. Details of the assignments will be given on a separate handout.

VI. Class Policies

Attendance

As graduate-level social work students, it is expected that you will be able to participate on a deeper level in class discussions, taking healthy risks to work outside of your comfort zone. In order to receive the highest level of participation points, healthy risk-taking for increasing self-awareness and professional growth must be demonstrated.

Participation points will be determined by attendance, level of interest, respect for others' learning needs and **contributions** to classroom discussions and activities. Being prepared for class by reading assigned material is part of this professional expectation as well. There will be the possibility of in-class activities throughout the semester that will gauge your preparedness for class.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due on the dates indicated in the course syllabus. Late assignments will not be accepted without penalty. One point will be deducted from the assignment for each day past the due date.

Student Concerns

Students who would like to discuss a concern with either the professor or the teaching assistant related to the class should make an appointment at a time mutually convenient.

Assignment	Points	Due Date
Favorite Character	10	9/13/2017
Values Exercise	10	9/27/2017
CBT Role Play	30	11/15/2017
DBT Skills Assignment	30	11/15/2017
ACT	30	11/29/2017
Target Behavior Change (multi-part)	40	12/6/2017
Total	150	

Grading Scale:

141-150 (94-100%) = A 135-140.999 (90-93%) = A- 130-134.999 (97-89%) = B+ 126-129.999 (84-86%) = B 120-125.999 (80-83%) = B- 115-119.999 (77-79%) = C+ 111-114.999 (74-76%) = C 105-110.999 (70-73%) = C- 100-104.999 (67-69%) = D+ 96-99.999 (64-66%) = D 90-95.999 (60-63%) = D- 89 & below (59% & below) = F

Grading Scale

15 points 10 points

Grades are rounded up to the next number at .5. Grading of all written assignments will take into account the quality of the writing as well as the content. The current APA format should be followed. Written material should be carefully proofread and corrected for errors in punctuation, typographical errors, and spelling. Good writing requires a reiterative process that must be followed if quality is to improve. It is a good idea to read your assignments several times, and if possible, have someone else read them as well.

Students requesting an incomplete for medical problems or family emergencies must fill out the required form available in the Student Service office and discuss their request with the instructor.

University Policies

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK POLICY. Read the School of Social Work Safety statement: As part of professional social work education, students may have assignments that involve being in agency settings and/or the community. As such, these assignments may present some risks. Sound choices and caution may lower risks inherent to the profession. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and adhere to policies and practices related to agency and/or community safety.

Students should notify instructors regarding any safety concerns. Information shared in class about agencies and clients is considered to be covered by the NASW Code of Ethics regarding the sharing of information for supervisory purposes. Agencies are aware that information is shared in class for this purpose. However, discussion outside of class with individuals not in this class or with other class members in settings where you cannot assure that no one else may overhear the conversation is considered a breach of confidentiality and will result in recommendation against admission to the BSW program.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HONOR CODE. The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND CIVILITY IN THE CLASSROOM. The professor expects students to act as professionals in class. This means students should arrive on time for class, be prepared to participate in the class discussion, and show respect for one another's opinions. A course brings together a group of diverse individuals with various backgrounds. Students are influenced and shaped by such factors as ethnicity, gender, sex, physical abilities, religious and political beliefs, national origins, and sexual orientations, among others. We expect to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. Social Work also deals with complex and controversial issues. These issues may be challenging and uncomfortable, and it would be impossible to offer a substantive classroom experience that did not include potentially difficult conversations relating to challenging issues. In this environment we will be exposed to diverse ideas and opinions, and sometimes we will not agree with the ideas expressed by others. Nevertheless, the professor requires that students engage one another with civility, respect, and professionalism.

UNANTICIPATED DISTRESS. Students may experience unexpected and/or distressing reactions to course readings, videos, conversations, and assignments. If so, students are encouraged to inform the professor. The professor can be responsive and supportive regarding students' participation in course assignments and activities, but students are responsible for communicating clearly what kind of support is desired. If

counseling is needed, students may contact a service provider of their choosing, including the UT Counseling Center at [512-471-3515](tel:512-471-3515) or online at <https://cmhc.utexas.edu/>.

POLICY ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND PROFESSIONAL

COMMUNICATION. Public social networks are not private. Even when open only to approved or invited members, users cannot be certain that privacy will exist among the general membership of sites. If social work students choose to participate in such forums, please assume that anything posted can be seen, read, and critiqued. What is said, posted, linked to, commented on, uploaded, subscribed to, etc., can be accessed and archived, posing potential harm to professional reputations and prospective careers.

Social work students who use social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and other forms of electronic communication (i.e. blogs, etc.) must be mindful of how their communication may be perceived by clients, colleagues, faculty, and others. Social work students are expected to make every effort to minimize material, which could be considered inappropriate for a professional social worker in training. Because of this, social work students are advised to manage security settings at their most private levels and avoid posting information/photos or using any language that could jeopardize their professional image.

Students are asked to consider the amount of personal information posted on these sites and are obliged to block any client access to involvement in the students' social networks. Client material should not be referred to in any form of electronic media, including *any* information that might lead to the identification of a client or compromise client confidentiality in *any* way. Additionally, students must critically evaluate any material that is posted regarding community agencies and professional relationships, as certain material could violate the standards set by the School of Social Work, the Texas Code of Conduct for Social Workers, and/or the NASW Code of Ethics.

Social work students should consider that they will be representing professional social work practice as well as The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work program while in the classroom, the university community, and the broader area communities.

POLICY ON SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY. Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information, the student may refer to the Web Site of the Student Judicial Services, Office of the Dean of Students: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/>.

USE OF COURSE MATERIALS. The materials used in this course, including, but not limited to exams, quizzes, and homework assignments, are copyright protected works. Any unauthorized duplication of the course materials is a violation of federal law and may result in disciplinary action being taken against the student. Additionally, the

sharing of course materials without the specific, express approval of the professor may be a violation of the University's Student Honor Code and an act of academic dishonesty, which could result in further disciplinary action. This sharing includes, among other things, uploading class materials to websites for the purpose of distributing those materials to other current or future students.

DOCUMENTED DISABILITY STATEMENT. Any student who requires special accommodations must obtain a letter that documents the disability from the Services for Students with Disabilities area of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (471- 6259 voice or 471-4641 TTY for users who are deaf or hard of hearing). A student should present the letter to the professor at the beginning of the semester so that needed accommodations can be discussed and followed. The student should remind the professor of any testing accommodations no later than five business days before an exam. For more information, visit: <http://diversity.utexas.edu/disability/>.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS. By UT Austin policy, students must notify the professor of a pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If the student must miss a class, examination, work assignment, or project in order to observe a religious holy day, the professor will give the student an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

TITLE IX REPORTING. In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the University of Texas at Austin is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. Faculty, instructors, staff, and/or teaching assistants in their supervisory roles are mandated reporters of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, or sexual misconduct. Students who report such incidents will be informed of University resources. Incidents will be reported to the University's Title IX Coordinator and/or the Title IX Deputy for the SSW, Professor Tanya Voss. Students, faculty and staff may contact Professor Voss to report incidents or to obtain information. Further information, including student resources related to Title IX, may also be found at <http://socialwork.utexas.edu/dl/files/academic-programs/other/qrg-sexualharassment.pdf>.

CAMPUS CARRY POLICY. The University's policy on concealed fire arms may be found here: <https://campuscarry.utexas.edu>. You also may find this information by accessing the Quick Links menu on the School's website.

CLASSROOM CONFIDENTIALITY. Information shared in class about agencies, clients, and personal matters is considered confidential per the NASW Code of Ethics on educational supervision and is protected by regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well. As such, sharing this information with individuals outside of the educational context is not permitted. Violations of confidentiality could result in actions taken according to the policies and procedure for review of academic performance located in sections 3.0, 3.1, and 3.2 of the Standards for Social Work Education.

USE OF E-MAIL FOR OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO STUDENTS. Email is recognized as an official mode of university correspondence; therefore, students are responsible for reading their email for university and course-related information and announcements. Students are responsible for keeping the university informed about a change of e-mail address. Students should check their e-mail regularly and frequently—daily, but at minimum twice a week—to stay current with university-related communications, some of which may be time-sensitive. Students can find UT Austin’s policies and instructions for updating their e-mail address at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/emailnotify.php>.

SAFETY. As part of professional social work education, students may have assignments that involve working in agency settings and/or the community. As such, these assignments may present some risks. Sound choices and caution may lower risks inherent to the profession. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and adhere to policies and practices related to agency and/or community safety. Students should notify the professor regarding any safety concerns.

BEHAVIOR CONCERNS ADVICE LINE (BCAL). If students are worried about someone who is acting differently, they may use the Behavior Concerns Advice Line to discuss by phone their concerns about another individual’s behavior. This service is provided through a partnership between the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC), the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD). Call [512-232-5050](tel:512-232-5050) or visit <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/bcal>.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION POLICY. Occupants of buildings on the UT Austin campus are required to evacuate and assemble outside when a fire alarm is activated or an announcement is made. Please be aware of the following policies regarding evacuation:

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors in the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform the professor in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the professor’s instructions.
- Do not re-enter a building unless you are given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.

GRADING SCALE

94.0 and Above	A
90.0 to 93.999	A-
87.0 to 89.999	B+
84.0 to 86.999	B
80.0 to 83.999	B-
77.0 to 79.999	C+
74.0 to 76.999	C
70.0 to 73.999	C-
67.0 to 69.999	D+
64.0 to 66.999	D
60.0 to 63.999	D-
Below 60.0	F

Calendar: 2017

Date	Topic	Assignment Due	Reading
August 30	Course Syllabus Intro to Class Theory Timeline, Favorite Character Assignment		
Sept 6	Behavioral Therapy Overview of CBT -REBT/CBT –Ellis and Beck -Mindfulness- Kabat –Zinn -DBT – Linehan -ACT- Hayes Goal Setting Target Behavior Assignment: Diary Cards		Shea,D. Cognitive Behavioral Approaches for Conselors: p. XVII-XXII, 1- 19, & 39-58 Hayes & Lillis. Acceptance and Commitment Therapy- p 16-20
Sept 13	More CBT Inventories (beginning measures) Values Sort Assignment	Favorite Character Paper	
Sept 20	Group Assignments for CBT, DBT and ACT		Shea, D. Cognitive Behavioral: Approaches for Counselors p 21-38, 75-86 & 59-73
Sept 27		Values Sort Paper	

Oct 4	Mindfulness Kabat-Zinn, J mindfulness exercises		Williams, Teasdale, Segal and Kabat-Zinn, The mindful way through Depression: Freeing yourself from Chronic Unhappiness P 1-95
Oct 11	Speaker:		Williams, Teasdale, Segal and Kabat-Zinn. The mindful way through depression: Freeing yourself from Chronic Unhappiness. P96-139 & 161-227
Oct 18	DBT (Linehan video)		Linehan, M. DBT skills training manual Chapters 1 & 3
Oct 25	Speaker (DBT)		Linehan, M. DBT skills training manual, chapters 4 & 5
Nov 1	ACT (Hayes Acceptance and Commitment Therapy DVD)		Hayes & Lillis, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. Chapter 1 & 3
Nov 8	Speaker ACT		Hayes & Lillis, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Chapter 4
Nov 15	CBT present DBT Present		
Nov 22	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING	THANKSGIVING
Nov 29	ACT present	NONE	
Dec 6	Bringing it all together Wrap up	Target Behavior Change Assignment	