

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
STEVE HICKS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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Clinical Assessment and Differential Diagnosis

I. STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the incidence, etiology, and assessment of health and mental health issues with children, adolescents, adults, and families. The framework of the course is based on social work values and the ethical decision-making process, as illuminated by the NASW Code of Ethics. Students will learn models of assessment to evaluate human functioning throughout the lifecycle. A bio-psycho-social-spiritual and cultural emphasis will be applied to the diagnostic categories within the DSM5. Students will develop an advanced understanding of people from diverse backgrounds, affirming, and respecting their strengths and differences. The course is built on the ability to provide clinical assessment through conducting a one-to-one diagnostic interview, as well as developing an understanding of the identification, analysis, and implementation of empirically-based assessment tools that have incorporated statistically valid reliability and validity studies. Major classification systems, such as Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and the International Classification of Diseases, and other schemes for assessing and understanding human behavior, will be covered.

II. STANDARDIZED COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of biological, psychosocial, and cultural theories on the etiology of mental health and mental illness;
2. Demonstrate understanding of the various methods of empirically-based assessment tools and techniques, including those developed through classificatory schemes, standardized measures, and qualitative typologies;
3. Demonstrate an advanced clinical knowledge of the relationship between assessment and intervention as it relates to the strengths, capacities and resources of individuals and families;
4. Demonstrate the ability to adapt assessment models to reflect an understanding, of persons from diverse backgrounds, including (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, age, and national origin;
5. Critically evaluate and analyze different theoretical and assessment models as to their efficacy in given situations. This includes: a) the adequacy of the research and knowledge base; b) the range of applicability; c) the value and ethical issues, including the student's own value system, and d) the policy implications involved in assessment and delivery of services;

6. Demonstrate an understanding of the limitations in using classification schemes in understanding human behavior and the danger of mislabeling people, particularly those from at-risk populations. Demonstrate advanced knowledge of social work values and the ethical decision-making processes as they relate to ethical dilemmas in clinical assessment and practice.

III. TEACHING METHODS

This course is designed to include a variety of teaching methodologies to achieve the expectation of student mastery of the skills involved in the examination of social work practice as it is supported by selected scientific findings. Readings, discussion, lecture, group experiential exercise, videos, audio CDs, case examples, and presentations are designed to enhance the learning experience.

IV. REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS

Required and Optional Texts/Materials:

Required material:

American Psychiatric Association. (2022). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, Fifth edition (DSM-5-TR)*. Washington, DC

American Psychiatric Association. (2022). *The Pocket Guide to The DSM-5-TR Diagnostic Exam*, Abraham M. Nussbaum, M.D., Washington, DC

Optional Texts/Materials:

Preston, J. & Johnson, J. (2015). *Clinical psychopharmacology made ridiculously simple, edition 8, updated for DSM-5*, Miami, Florida: MedMaster, Inc.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The assignments include the following:

***Note: All articles associated with this class are contained in Canvas.**

1. Group Clinical Case Study Paper and Presentation:

This will consist of: 1) Clinical Case Study Paper that addresses the group's diagnostic evaluation of the case study, and 2) a clinical presentation in class.

The Group Clinical Case Study Paper:

- 1 Paper to be submitted to the instructor the day before the presentation.

For the Clinical Case Study Presentation:

- The Case Studies are contained in Canvas.
- The Clinical Case Study presentation will be done on PPT or a similar modality and turned in to the instructor on the day of the presentation.
- Each group will lead the class in a discussion of their assigned case study in which potential diagnoses have been identified by the group.
- Students in each group will analyze the case study and construct their clinical thought process and considerations of diagnoses, that can include provisional and differential diagnoses.

- Mental Status Exam considerations.
- The expectation for all class members is to have read the case study to engage in class discussion.
- The group will provide 3 prompt questions to the class to engage the class in discussion around clinical assessment, diagnostic considerations, and treatment planning.

For the Group Clinical Case Study Paper;

1. Address psychosocial history;
2. Who is the identified client?
3. Identify the presenting problems, identification of considerations in the diagnostic interview and evaluation process, mental status exam considerations, identification of questions that would be asked during the diagnostic evaluation, detail the critical thought process that went into consideration of diagnoses, provisional diagnoses, and potential differential diagnoses that were considered, and why;
4. Identify the client's strengths and how this may be utilized in the therapeutic process
5. Are there cultural factors that could potentially affect the diagnostic process;
6. Example of at least 2 defense mechanism typical of this "client's" diagnosis including examples of the following: the coping style, the function, inferred cognition, potential impact of this on interactions with others;
7. Description of what you might anticipate with the client's response to the diagnostic interview and how you would engage with the client;
8. The group's agreed upon diagnosis (or diagnoses), may also include provisional diagnoses;
9. The client's support system (or lack thereof);
10. Description of the treatment plan;

Group Case Study paper: 12.5 points

The Groups' Clinical Case presentation in class should highlight:

- Items 1 through 10 above.
- Group to use a PPT, or similar type of presentation.
- The group will provide 3 prompt questions to the class to engage the class in discussion around clinical assessment, diagnostic considerations, and treatment planning.
- The group has 45 minutes to an hour. It will be presented as a clinical case staffing as it would be in a clinical setting.

Group Case Study presentation: 12.5 points

2. Group Film Study Paper and Presentation:

This will consist of: 1) Film Presentation Paper that addresses the group's diagnostic evaluation of the film, and 2) a clinical presentation in class.

The Group Film Study Paper:

- 1 paper to be submitted to the instructor before the day of the presentation.

The Group Film Study Paper should include:

1. Psychosocial history;
2. Strengths of client and/or client system;

3. Identify the presenting problems, identification of considerations in the diagnostic interview and evaluation process, mental status exam considerations, identification of questions that would be asked during the diagnostic evaluation, detail the critical thought process that went into consideration of diagnoses, provisional diagnoses, and potential differential diagnoses that were considered, and why;
4. Identify ways the factors of age, class, culture, race, ethnicity, country of origin, language(s), educational attainment, religious background, sexual orientation, clinician value conflict and/or physical *ability may influence (limit, compromise, or enhance)* the clinical diagnostic effort and the diagnosis/diagnoses;
5. Are there possible effects of trauma and economic/social oppression experienced by the client that may have an impact on the diagnostic process and on the diagnosis/diagnoses;
6. Description of diagnoses and/or provisional diagnoses that the group agreed upon and supporting information that led to this (include symptoms considered and potential assessment measures that you would use);
7. Differential diagnoses considered;
8. What would the individual's or family's treatment plan include?
9. Identification of defenses identified;
10. Identification of at least 2 potential ethical dilemmas, as defined by NASW Code of Ethics; quote the ethical standard;
11. Are there potential legal issues that might arise;
12. Group member's own reactions to the characters experiences and how the individual clinician might manage reactions that could potentially arise;

Group Film Study paper: 12.5 points

The Group Film Study **presentation** should include:

- Items 1 through 12 above;
- Group to use a PPT presentation.
- The group will provide 3 prompt questions to the class to engage the class in discussion around clinical assessment, diagnostic considerations, and treatment planning.
- The group has 45 minutes to an hour. It will be presented as a clinical case staffing as it would be in a clinical setting.

Group Film Study presentation: 12.5 points

Each group will lead a discussion on some of the film material as they illustrate certain technical material from the texts and other assigned material. The expectation is for all class members to watch the film under study before the discussion in class. The presenter(s) will guide us in attending to selected scenes that illustrate the technical material to be discussed.

Clinical material illustrated through films such as “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape”, “Like Water for Chocolate”, “A Brilliant Mind”, “Fatal Attraction”, “As Good As It Gets”, “Girl Interrupted”, “Sybil”, “Four Good Days”, “Black Hawk Down”, and others may be used.

The group can use film clips with diagnosis identification and with potential provisional and differential diagnostic questions in mind. This will be presented during class discussion. All class discussions are to be treated as a clinical case staffing in a clinical setting.

The group will provide 3 prompt questions to the class to engage the class in discussion around clinical assessment, diagnostic considerations, and treatment planning.

Group Film Study presentation: 12.5 points

3. Individual Article Paper:

Each student will do **1 paper (no more than 5 pages)** .

All of the articles are available in Canvas and additional reference material is available through online resources. You can also reference material from the DSM manual and the DSM Mental Status Pocket Guide.

Individual Article Paper should include:

- The main points of the article;
- Identification of the biological, psychosocial, cultural theories, diversity issues that are considered, or should be considered;
- Identification of neurobiological issues that are considered, or should be considered;
- Your critical analysis of how the article could assist a clinician in the diagnostic assessment process, or not.

Individual Article paper: 25 points

4. Class Participation:

The information addressed in class will be approached as a case staffing that you would encounter in individual or group clinical supervision or case consultation within a clinical working environment. An important part of class discussion will involve participation in small group exercises in which students can practice critical analysis, discuss diagnostic considerations, and determine potential and provisional diagnoses.

Participation in class discussions is an important aspect of developing your critical analysis and clinical problem-solving skills. Actively engaging in the discussion through asking questions, brainstorming solutions, providing your insights, and providing feedback, ideas, and clinical opinions is essential to your own growth as a clinician.

Class participation – 25 points

Grading:

- 25% Group Film Presentation and Paper, due to instructor day before presentation.
- 25% Group Case Study Presentation and Paper, due to instructor day before presentation.
- 25% Individual Article Paper, due to instructor on final day of semester.
- 25% Class Participation in each class.

VI. GRADES

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

VII. CLASS POLICIES

1. Students are expected to attend ALL class meetings, to read ALL the assigned readings, and to participate in class discussions.
2. **Students missing more than three (3) or more class sessions may receive an “F” for the course.** Illness and emergencies are understandable.
3. Notify your instructor by email if you will not be able to attend class.
4. Coming to class late or leaving class early may count as an absence.
5. Assignments are to be submitted according to the schedule.
6. The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA 7th Edition) is the style manual to be used for all assignments.
7. Appropriate referencing is required. Student failure to use quotation marks for direct quotes or citation for indirect quotations and/or others’ ideas may result in a “0” for the paper and/or an “F” for the course.
8. All papers are to be word-processed or typewritten, double-spaced, 10 – 12-point font, and 1-inch margins.
9. Any modifications, amendments, or changes to the syllabus and or assignments are the discretion of the instructor. Changes will be announced in class. It is the responsibility of the student to inquire about any changes that might have been made in their absence.
10. Students who have difficulty with the course materials, assignments, or class activities should schedule an appointment with the instructor as soon as possible so that, where appropriate, additional assistance can be provided.
11. The instructor’s goal is to create a comfortable, inviting environment for all students so learning can take place. We encourage taking the opportunity to engage in clinical discussion in efforts to offer, analyze, and connect a variety of viewpoints in efforts to strengthen our own abilities as critical thinkers and future social workers. In this environment, we should be exposed to diverse ideas and opinions, and sometimes we will not agree with the ideas expressed by others. With this in mind, the instructor does require that students engage one another with respect and courtesy.

VIII. UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Grading Scale

[No A+] 94.0 and Above 90.0 to 93.999	A A-	87.0 to 89.999 84.0 to 86.999 80.0 to 83.999	B+ B B-	77.0 to 79.999 74.0 to 76.999 70.0 to 73.999	C+ C* C-	67.0 to 69.999 64.0 to 66.999 60.0 to 63.999 Below 60.0	D+ D D- F
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Attendance and Academic Behavior. At the University of Texas at Austin, regular attendance at all class meetings is expected. Instructors are responsible for implementing an attendance policy and must notify students of any special attendance requirements. See more information at <https://catalog.utexas.edu/general-information/academic-policies-and-procedures/attendance/>. Furthermore, students are expected to abide by the Standards for Social Work Education (available at <https://socialwork.utexas.edu/student-resources/bsw/policies-and-procedures/>). The student shows potential for responsible and accountable behavior by being punctual and dependable, prioritizing responsibilities, attending class regularly, observing deadlines, completing assignments on time, and keeping appointments or making appropriate arrangements.

Religious Holy Days. A student who misses classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day should inform the instructor as far in advance of the absence as possible so that arrangements can be made to complete an assignment within a reasonable period after the absence. A reasonable accommodation does not include substantial modification to academic standards, or adjustments of requirements essential to any program of instruction. Students and instructors who have questions or concerns about academic accommodations for religious observance or religious beliefs may contact the Center for Access and Restorative Engagement at <https://community.utexas.edu/care/>. The University does not maintain a list of religious holy days.

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.

Policy on Academic Integrity. Students who violate University rules on academic 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 academic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information, please visit the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity website at: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/conduct>.

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.

University Electronic Mail Student Notification. Electronic mail (email), like postal mail, is a mechanism for official University communication to students. The University will exercise the right to send email communications to all students, and the University will expect that email communications will be received and read in a timely manner. Students can find UT Austin's policies and instructions for updating their e-mail address at <https://it.utexas.edu/policies/university-electronic-mail-student-notification-policy>.

Steve Hicks School of Social Work Policies

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 race, 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. This atmosphere includes working intentionally to recognize and dismantle racism, sexism, heterosexism, and ableism in the classroom. 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.

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.

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 and Mental Health Center at 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 (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and other forms of electronic communication (e.g. blogs) 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.

Resources, Prevention of Discrimination, and Safety

Disability Accommodation Statement. If you are a student with a disability, or think you may have a disability, and need accommodations please contact Disability and Access (D&A). You may refer to D&A's website for contact and more information: <https://disability.utexas.edu/>. If you are already registered with D&A, please deliver your Accommodation Letter to me as early as possible in the semester so we can discuss your approved accommodations and how they apply in my class.

Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL). If students have concerns about their behavioral health, or if they are concerned about the behavioral health of someone else, students may use the Behavior Concerns Advice Line to discuss by phone their concerns. 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 or visit <https://safety.utexas.edu/behavior-concerns-advice-line>.

Covid-19 Related Information. The University's policies and practices related to the pandemic may be accessed at: <https://protect.utexas.edu/>

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 on the basis of sex <https://titleix.utexas.edu/>. Faculty, field instructors, staff, and/or teaching assistants in their supervisory roles are mandated reporters of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, stalking, dating violence, or

any other forms of sexual misconduct. Students who report such incidents will be informed of University resources. Incidents will be reported to the University’s Title IX Coordinator. Further information, including student resources related to Title IX, may also be found at <https://titleix.utexas.edu/>.

Title IX Accommodations for Those Pregnant, Nursing and Parenting. Pregnant, nursing and parenting students, faculty, and staff are eligible for accommodations through the Title IX Office that support equal access to education and work and prevent discrimination. Students may reach out to the Title IX Office for help with accommodations to make up missed classes, complete missed coursework, keep them safe in the classroom, apply for leaves of absence, receive priority registration and other related support. Faculty and staff, including undergraduate students who work on campus and graduate student employees, may reach out for assistance with job or schedule restructuring and obtaining modified or additional work equipment. Visit the [Title IX pregnancy and parenting resource page](#) for more information or contact the [Title IX Support and Resources team](#) connect with a Case Manager.

Campus Carry Policy. The University’s policy on campus carry may be found here: <https://campuscarry.utexas.edu>.

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.

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.

IX. COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Assignment Due	Homework/Readings for next class
1-13 Class 1	Introduction to the course: DSM-5-TR	Becoming familiar with the DSM	For next class: Explore the DSM-5-TR; assessment measures pg.841, cultural formulation measures pg. 859. Read: Pocket Guide: Ch. 2, Alliance Building During a Diagnostic Interview pgs. 15-25

			Ch. 3, The 30-Minute Diagnostic Interview, pgs. 27-44 Ch. 10, Mental Health Treatment Planning, pgs. 215-220
1-20	HOLIDAY		
1-27 Class 2	Diagnosis, Assessment, and Treatment Planning	<p>What's in the diagnostic interview?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic Interview considerations - Alliance Building, • Case Formulation - The 30-Minute Diagnostic Interview, • Initial Treatment Plan - Mental Health Treatment Planning <p>DSM assessment tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHODAS • Cultural Formulation Interview • Mental Status Exam 	<p>For next class: Read: DSM-5-TR: Neurocognitive Disorders, pgs. 667-732 DSM Pocketbook Guide: Practice Case study: Roberto, pgs. 56-59.</p>
2-3 Class 3	NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDERS <u>Practice Case Study #1:</u> Roberto	<p>Discussion of Neurocognitive Disorders</p> <p>In class together - practice case study:</p> <p>Case study - Roberto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic Interview considerations • Case Formulation • Initial 	<p>For class on 2-10: Read: DSM-5-TR Read Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders pgs. 295–328.</p> <p>Watch the film: <u>Choices</u>: Harriet, Woman Walks Ahead, Like Water for Chocolate, Black Hawk Down, The Hurt Locker, Sybil, or Ordinary People.</p>

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2-10 Class 4	TRAUMA & STRESSOR-RELATED DISORDERS	Class discussion of Trauma and Stressor Related Disorders Small group diagnostic exercise	<u>For the next class:</u> Read: Case Study – Maddy (in Canvas)
2-17 Class 5	Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders <u>Film Study:</u> Group’s choice <u>Case Study #2:</u> Maddy	Group 1 Film presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group’s film choice Group 2 Case presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic Interview consideration • Case Formulation, • Initial Treatment Plan 	<u>For next class:</u> Read: DSM-5-TR Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Pgs., 543-661 Watch for next class: Four Good Days
2-24 Class 6	SUBSTANCE-RELATED AND ADDICTIVE DISORDERS	Class discussion of Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders Small group diagnostic exercise	<u>For next class:</u> Read: Case Study - Sarah
3-3 Class 7	Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders <u>Film Study:</u> Four Good Days <u>Case Study #3:</u> Sara	Group 3 Film presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Good Days Group 4 Case presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic Interview consideration • Case Formulation • Initial Treatment Plan 	<u>For next class:</u> Read DSM-V-TR: Personality Disorders, 733-778 Watch for next class: Choices: Ordinary People, Fatal Attraction, or Girl Interrupted.

3-10 Class 8	PERSONALITY DISORDERS	Class discussion of Personality Disorders Small group diagnostic exercise	For next class: Read: Case Study - Ellie
3-17	SPRING BREAK		
3-24 Class 9	Personality Disorders Film Study: Group's film choice Case Study #4: Ellie	Group 5 Film Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group's choice for Personality Disorders Group 6 Case presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic Interview considerations, Case Formulation, Initial Treatment Plan 	For the next class: Read from DSM-5-TR: Neurodevelopmental Disorders, pgs. 35-99 Watch the film: What's Eating Gilbert Grape?
3-31 Class 10	NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS	Class discussion of Neurodevelopmental Disorders Small group diagnostic exercise	For the next class: Read: Case Study – Bakary (in Canvas)
4-7 Class 11	Neurodevelopmental Disorders Film Study: What's Eating Gilbert Grape? Case Study #5: Bakary	Group 2 Film presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's Eating Gilbert Grape? Group 1 Case presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostic Interview considerations Case Formulation Initial 	For the next class: Read DSM-V-TR: Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders Pgs., 101-138 Watch film: Choices: A Beautiful Mind, The Soloist, Take Shelter.

		Treatment Plan	
4-14 Class 12	SCHIZOPHRENIA SPECTRUM & OTHER PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS	Class discussion of Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders Small group diagnostic exercise	<u>For the next class:</u> Read: Case Study - Gerry (in Canvas)
4-21 Class 13	Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders <u>Film Study:</u> Group's choice <u>Case Study#6:</u> Gerry	Group 4 Film Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group's choice Group 3 Case presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic Interview consideration • Case Formulation • Initial Treatment Plan 	<u>For next class:</u> Read: DSM-V-TR Pgs. 177-214 Watch film: Girl Interrupted, Little Miss Sunshine Read: Case Study - Nadia
4-28 Class 14	DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS <u>Film Study:</u> Group's film choice <u>Case Study #7:</u> Nadia	Class discussion of Depressive Disorders Group 6 Film Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group's choice Group 5 Case presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic Interview considerations • Case Formulation • Initial Treatment Plan 	
5-2	Article paper is due 5-2 by midnight.		

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