Graduate Courses

CPSY 512 Psychological Testing (4)
Survey of assessment procedures applicable to MFT/LPCC practice and their theoretical and applied characteristics. Consideration of the role of various kinds of assessment in typical clinical situations, as well as the impact of cultural orientation, age, and other client characteristics in ethically selecting and using assessment procedures. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [S]

CPSY 520 Research Methods in Counseling Psychology (4)
Methods and issues associated with the conduct and use of research concerning phenomena relevant to counseling psychology. Overview of hypothesis generation, research design, data collection and interpretation, and utilization of research findings in clinical practice. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [W]

CPSY 530 Human Sexuality (4)
Examination of the major variables affecting human sexuality. Includes the physiological, psychological, and sociocultural variables associated with the development and manifestation of sexual identity, sexual behavior, and sexual disorders. Special attention to the etiology, assessment, and treatment of sexual dysfunctions and to the relationship between issues of sexuality and intimate interpersonal relationships. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [S]

CPSY 535 Domestic Violence (2)
Prevention, detection, assessment, intervention, and legal reporting of violence in families, with special emphasis on abuse of children, dependent adults, and partners in intimate relationships. Therapeutic considerations include diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment planning. Prerequisite: Classified. [S]

CPSY 540 Theories of Individual Counseling (4)
Examination of several contemporary individual intervention approaches based on specific behavioral, cognitive, humanistic/experiential, and psychodynamic frameworks. Consideration of how each approach is used in clinical, school, and marriage and family counseling applications. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [F]

EDCS 570 Career Counseling (4)
Focuses on the processes of career and academic development through the life span, including an emphasis on theories of career education and career counseling, culturally different populations, the interface between the individual and the organizational climate and the resources utilized in the career and academic counseling process. [S]

CPSY 600 Human Communication I (4)
Interpersonal processes fundamental to the development of psychotherapeutic counseling strategies, with an emphasis on processes underlying verbal and nonverbal communication and the use of clinical skills applicable to interviewing, assessment, and intervention. Practice in simulated laboratory situations. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [F]

CPSY 610 Psychopathology and Diagnostic Interviewing (4)
Examination of major types of psychopathology. Techniques of intake interviewing and determining mental status to formulate a differential diagnosis based upon the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [F]

CPSY 620 Adult and Family Development (4)
Exploration of the biological, psychological, and social developmental tasks and life events of the adult years, including a family and vocational perspective. Focus on sociocultural, gender, and family issues salient to relationships, separation, nontraditional and blended families, and geropsychology. Issues of aging and long term care are stressed. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [W]

CPSY 630 Clinical Ethics (2)
Contemporary professional ethics relative to counseling practice. Professional codes of ethics (ACA, AAMFT/CAMFT, and APA) and examination of key case examples. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [W]

CPSY 631 Legal and Professional Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy (2)
Laws and regulations that delineate the professional scope of practice of Marriage and Family Therapy. Current legal patterns and trends, including those in family law and reporting requirements imposed on California therapists by statute, regulation, and case law. Goals and objectives of professional organizations, standards of training, licensure and standards, and the rights and responsibilities of the professional counselor. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [W]

CPSY 633 Cross Cultural Issues in Counseling (4)
Focus on attitudes and issues arising from different values and cultural assumptions that affect therapeutic intervention. Attention to cultural sub-groupings of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, religion, relationship status, age, disability, and other demographics as they relate to the counseling process. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [F]
CPSY 634 Psychopharmacology (3)  
Examination of the general principles underlying the use in modern practice of drugs to treat the major classes of mental illness. Include antipsychotics, antidepressants, anxiolytics, mood stabilizers, and special topics. Mechanisms of action, drug interactions, pertinent aspects of differential diagnosis, and psychiatric aspects of general medical conditions will be discussed. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [S]

CPSY 636 Chemical Dependency (2)  
Etiology, diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse and dependence. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [F]

CPSY 642 Behavioral Intervention (2)  
Principles and techniques of behavior acquisition and intervention. Emphasis on respondent and operant conditioning. Ethical and professional considerations. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [W]

CPSY 643 Cognitive Intervention (2)  
Cognitive theories of psychopathology and adaptive change. Illustration, demonstration, and practice of techniques of cognitive intervention. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [W]

CPSY 644 Dynamic Intervention (2)  
Principles of psychodynamic and contemporary psychoanalytic psychotherapies, including and object relations and self-psychology perspectives. Development of the ability to recognize and respond to conscious and unconscious states, defenses, and transference and countertransference dynamics. Prerequisite: Classified standing. [F]

CPSY 645 Dyadic Intervention (2)  
Emphasis on the dynamics of couple interaction, as well as on the examination of gender and ethnic issues. Integrates intrapsychic, interpersonal, and systems perspectives. Focus on enhancing communication and relationship processes and skills. Prerequisite: Graduate candidacy. [S]

CPSY 650 Theories of Family Counseling (4)  
Focus on major systemic and nonsystemic orientations in relationship, couples, and family counseling. Attention to the psychodynamics of relationships and transcultural family systems, communications theory, and the role of family of origin in individual and family functioning. Students will relate their own family dynamics to the literature. Prerequisite: Graduate Candidacy standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [S]

CPSY 651 Techniques of Family Counseling (3)  
Focus on the development of clinical skills necessary for effective relationship and family counseling. Laboratory experiences will be provided through observation, demonstration, and practice. Prerequisite: CPSY 650. [F]

CPSY 660 Theories of Group Counseling (4)  
Focus on the major approaches to group counseling. Emphasis on small and large group processes and involvement in group experiential activities designed to relate the clinical process to theoretical explanations. Prerequisite Graduate candidacy. [F]

CPSY 661 Techniques of Group Counseling (3)  
Focus on the development of clinical skills necessary for effective group counseling. Laboratory experiences will be provided through observation, demonstration, and practice. Prerequisite: CPSY 660. [W]

CPSY 672 Theories and Techniques of Developmental Counseling with Children and Adolescents (5)  
Focus on the major approaches to therapeutic interventions with children and adolescents. Attention to developmental issues and tasks necessary for competent counseling with children and adolescents, including biological, psychological, social, and cultural processes that influence or disrupt normal development. Prerequisite: Classified standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology. [W]

CPSY 681 Practicum I (2)  
A supervised clinical practicum within the scope and practice of a marriage and family therapist or a professional clinical counselor. Application of counseling procedures, with a focus on interviewing, assessment, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of familial and relationship dysfunctions. Counts toward the MFT/LPCC practicum requirement (Business and Professional Code, Chapter 1054, Section. 4980.43, a- c). Limited by law to 8 students per supervision section. Prerequisite: Graduate candidacy, CPSY 610, liability insurance. [F,W,S]

CPSY 682 Practicum II (2)  
A continuation of CPSY 681. Counts towards the MFT/LPCC practicum requirement. Prerequisite: CPSY 681 and professional liability insurance. [F,W,S]

CPSY 683 Practicum III (2)  
A continuation of CPSY 682. Counts towards the MFT/LPCC practicum requirement. Prerequisite: CPSY 681 and professional liability insurance. [F,W,S]

CPSY 691 Traineeship I (3)  
A supervised clinical practicum in settings designed to
facilitate the professional goals of the trainee within the scope and practice of a marriage and family therapist or a professional clinical counselor. Advanced experience in interviewing, assessment, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of familial and relationship dysfunctions. Counts towards the MFT/LPCC practicum requirement (Business and Professions Code, Chapter 1054, Section 4980.43, a-c). Offered in a credit, no-credit basis only. Prerequisites: Graduate candidacy, CPSY 683, liability insurance, placement in approved setting. [F,W,S]

CPSY 692 Traineeship II (3)
A continuation of CPSY 691. Counts towards the MFT/LPCC practicum requirement. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Prerequisite: CPSY 691 and professional liability insurance, and placement in an approved setting. [F,W,S]

CPSY 693 Traineeship III (3)
A continuation of CPSY 692. Counts towards the MFT/LPCC practicum requirement. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Prerequisite: CPSY 692, liability insurance, placement in approved setting. [F,W,S]

CPSY 697 Master’s Examination in Counseling Psychology (1)
Comprehensive examination as the culminating activity in the MS in Counseling Psychology program. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Prerequisites: Graduate Candidacy standing in the MS in Counseling Psychology and approval of the Program Coordinator based on satisfactory completion of curricular components. [F,W,S]

CPSY 698 Clinical Extension (3)
Additional supervised clinical experience for students requiring more than three quarters to complete the required hours for Practicum or for Traineeship. May be repeated for credit. Does not count toward requirements for the MS in Counseling Psychology. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Requires approval by the sponsoring faculty member and the MS Program Coordinator. Note: CPSY 698 and 699 are not part of the 90-unit curriculum and are offered only as needed.

CPSY 699 Independent Graduate Study (1-5)
Individual supervision of counseling or investigation of an approved project leading to a written report. Offered on a credit, no-credit basis only. Requires a petition for individual study approved by the sponsoring faculty member and the MS Program Coordinator.