

“The mission of Tyndale Seminary is to provide Christ-centred graduate theological education for leaders in the church and society whose lives are marked by intellectual maturity, spiritual vigour and moral integrity, and whose witness will faithfully engage culture with the Gospel.”

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| Course | PRE-INTERNSHIP COUNSELLING SKILLS LAB II COUN 0602 1P |
| Date and Time | JANUARY 13 – APRIL 11, 2025 WEDNESDAYS 11:15 AM – 2:05 PM IN-PERSON ONLY |
| Instructor | LYNDSAY THOMPSON, MDiv, RP Email: lthompson@tyndale.ca |
| Class Information | The classes will be in person on Wednesdays 11:15 PM–2:05 PM. Office Hours: By appointment. |
| Course Material | Access course material at classes.tyndale.ca or other services at Tyndale One . Course emails will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca e-mail account only. |

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

An online weekly three-hour training intensive focusing on the learning and development of counselling skills through lecture, video and roleplaying experiences.

Prerequisite: COUN 0601.

Pre- or corequisite (Clinical Track only): COUN 0774.

Students must take Skills Lab I and II consecutively in the same academic year. Only open to students in the Counselling major, or with permission of program coordinator.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate competence in using 24 micro-skills (for the year) related to the counselling process
2. Demonstrate skill in integrating the micro-skills into the counselling process
3. Demonstrate beginning competence in integrating counselling skills with therapeutic orientations and a therapeutic plan
4. Demonstrate beginning competence understanding common counselling issues
5. Demonstrate ability to manage an intake counselling session and subsequent sessions using the micro-skills mentioned above
6. Demonstrate understanding of contextual differences and diversity and how to manage those differences in session

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING

Brown, J. (1997). [The question cube: A model for developing questions repertoire in training couples and family therapists](#). *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 23, 27-40.

Erford, B. (2015). *40 techniques every counselor should know* (2nd ed.). New York, NY: Pearson. ISBN 978-0-13-357174-5 or 0-13-357174-2

Ivey, A. and Ivey, M., Zalaquett, C. (2018). *Intentional interviewing and counselling: Facilitating client development in a multicultural society* (9th ed.). Pacific Grove, CA: Cengage Learning. ISBN: 978-1-305-86578-5 or ISBN: 978-1-337-27776-1

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING AND TOOLS

Bauman, S. (2008). *Essential Topics for the helping professional*. New York, NY: Pearson Education, Inc. ISBN 10: 0-205-41401-X or ISBN13: 978-0-205-41401-7 (out of print but purchasable used)

Gladdings, S. (2005). *Counseling Theories: Essential concepts and applications*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson. ISBN 0-13-113845-6

Tyndale recommends www.stepbible.org – a free and reputable online resource developed by Tyndale House (Cambridge, England) – for word searches of original-language texts, as well as for topical searches, interlinear texts, dictionaries, etc. Refer to the library for other [online resources for Biblical Studies](#).

C. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. A mandatory two-day seminar put on by Tyndale Wellness Center. Details will be posted the course page on Moodle.
2. Students are required to record practice sessions weekly.
3. Choice of one of the books from the following reading list (Assignment 3 below).

Burns, D. (1980). *Feeling good: The new mood therapy*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers Inc. ISBN 0-380-73176-2

Johnson, S. & v. Whiffen (2003). [Attachment Processes in Couple and Family Therapy](#). New York, NY: The Guilford Press. ISBN 1-59385-292-4

Kerr, M. & Bowen, M. (1988). *Family evaluation: An approach based on Bowen Theory*. New York, NY: W. W. Norton & Company. ISBN 0-393-70056-9

Napier, A., & Whitaker, C. (1978). *The family crucible: The intense experience of family therapy*. New York, NY: Harper & Row. ISBN 0060914890

Summers, R. & J. Barber, Editors (2016). [Practicing Psychodynamic Therapy: A casebook](#). New York, NY: The Guilford Press. ISBN 978-1-4625-1718-3

D. GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTIONS

Tyndale University prides itself in being a trans-denominational community. We anticipate our students to have varied viewpoints which will enrich the discussions in our learning community. Therefore, we ask our students to be charitable and respectful in their interactions with each other, and to remain focused on the topic of discussion, out of respect to others who have committed to being a part of this learning community. Please refer to “Guidelines for Interactions” on your course resource page at classes.tyndale.ca.

E. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Performance in Practice Groups: 10% of final grade

Given the nature of this course, participation at various levels is very important to learning. Each student is expected to practice the roles of counsellor and client in the small group practice sessions as often as possible to ensure skill acquisition and development. A weekly record sheet will be kept. Each student is required to audio or videotape her/his practice as counsellor. This can be done through the Zoom platform, but it is suggested the student

have a back-up option (i.e. voice recorder). Care must be taken of any sensitive materials on these recordings. Each week the student will also observe other students practicing skills and will give feedback. Personal feedback may be added to other self-awareness information accumulated by each student throughout the year and can be used to prepare the final Reflection paper.

2. Homework: not graded

Homework is assigned weekly to aide students in preparing for class participation and skill acquisition.

3. Case study: Due March 5, 2025; 30% of Final Grade

Students must select one of the 5 books listed in the “C. Other Requirements” section of the syllabus and choose one case from the four vignettes (posted on Moodle) which you believe could be treated via the therapeutic model described in the selected book. Drawing on the counselling micro skills you have learned in the course through lectures, and drawing from the reading you have done on your selected therapeutic model (the book you chose plus ONE other reference to support your findings), you are required to develop and document a detailed initial therapeutic plan. The case study must include the following (**please use these as section headings in your paper**):

- **Type of therapy** (individual, couple, or family)
- **Presenting issue(s)**
- **Current circumstance** which brought client to therapy, individual and systemic predispositions and historical factors
- **Risk factors** which may have been already assessed, implied or suspected (including child abuse, neglect, domestic violence, suicide and/or homicide ideation)
- **Therapeutic goals:** (mutually set goals between client and therapist)
- **Client’s theory of change** and attempted solutions, if any
- **Client’s strength and resources** (both from client’s statements and counsellors observation)
- **Counsellor's observations** and impressions of client in sessions and how counsellor refined his/her assessment and landed on the assessment and therapeutic orientation he/she will use to conceptualize this case.
- **Counsellor's hypothesis:** Conceptualize the client’s story using your selected therapeutic orientation primarily, but including any secondary models that may apply. Include formulations of core issues, basics of the counselling theory and approaches being drawn on, theological factors present, client’s readiness for change, etc.
- **Suggested initial therapeutic plan: Working from your selected therapeutic orientation,** outline number of sessions anticipated; frequency of sessions; tasks for the client; therapeutic interventions and techniques that may be helpful; assessment

instruments, if any, that may be used; other professionals or supportive people who may be helpful to involve in helping the client if any.

- **Therapeutic alliance:** Mention areas of strengths and potential challenges, the impact of client's issues on you, transference and/or countertransference issues, etc.)
- **References:** Sources used must be documented using the format provided by the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. There should be numerous references to your chosen book from the "Other Requirements" section.

I am most interested in the student's ability to apply a therapeutic orientation to the case, conceptualize the case through this orientation and accurately apply interventions from that orientation to the client case in a reasonably strategic manner.

4. Demonstration of skills and 3 – 4 page self-reflection paper. Recording Dates TBA: Reflection Paper Due one week after demonstration: 60% of Final Grade.

The student will be expected to record two 10-12-minute interviews with a "client" (a fellow classmate in role-play). The first interview will be an "intake" interview, and the second will be a "work" interview. This will be done live, online with instructor present. After the demonstration, student and instructor will debrief and evaluate each session together. The student is then to write a three to four page reflection paper on the development and progress he/she has made this semester on use of the counselling skills, including an identification of his/her skill preferences, style, and preferred theoretical orientation. This should include information gleaned from the several assessment tools taken in the first semester. Scoring of transcripts will be related to the student's ability over the following 5 areas:

- Clarity and smoothness of language which includes introductions, transitions, explanations
- Absence of bias, transference, leading questions, and judgments
- Use of micro-skills to direct the session and set goals
- Appropriateness of direction and goals
- Appropriate expression of empathy, positive regard, and warmth

F. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

G. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

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| Case Study | 30 % |
| Demonstration of Skills Recording, Transcript and Reflection Paper | 60 % |
| Class Practice | 10 % |
| Total Grade | 100 % |

H. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Your work should demonstrate the following characteristics:

- a. **The reflection papers** should demonstrate the student's ability to process his/her internal responses personally and professionally. The ability to reflect upon and process feelings and thoughts is an important skill in counselling work.
- b. **Title Page:** The title page should include the name of the course, name of the instructor, title of the paper/assignment, student's name, and the date due.
- c. **Documentation:** Papers must be written using inclusive language. Students are required to retain a copy of all assignments in hard copy or electronic form. Graduate level spelling, grammar and style are expected, and grades will be lowered if written expression is poor. Reports of psychological research should follow the rules set forth in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th ed. (2019). All parts of the report are typed double-spaced, and without justifying the right hand margin. Use a 12 point font ("Times New Roman" or "Courier" is preferred). The [APA Style Guide](#) is a helpful web site for all questions regarding APA style.
- d. For each week late, the grade will be **reduced by a letter grade**. Extensions will be considered if the circumstances are extreme. **No final assignments will be accepted later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024.**

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism (including improper use of artificial intelligence programs). Tyndale University takes seriously its

responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty. Please refer to the [Academic Integrity website](#) for further details.

Students are encouraged to consult [Writing Services](#). Citation and other [tip sheets](#).

Students should also consult the current [Academic Calendar](#) for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System.

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and may require approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Dean's Office (aau@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

I. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The link can also be found in the left column on the course page. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

| Date | Topic | Reading and Assignments Due |
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| Jan 15 Week 1 | Theories of Change Problem Analysis Case Conceptualization Therapeutic Plans | Ivey and Ivey: Chapter 13 & 14 (eds. 8 & 9) ITP (Posted on Moodle) |

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| Jan 22 Week 2 | Review of the Question Cube | Erford: Chapter 23 Reading: <i>J. of Marital and Family Therapy</i> , 1997, 23, 27-40: Brown, J. E. The question cube (Reread) |
| Jan 29 Week 3 ONLINE LECTURE | Introduction to Models of Therapy: Narrative | Erford: Chapters 1 & 43, Section 7 Optional reading and resources to be posted on Moodle |
| Feb 5 Week 4 | Introduction to Models of Therapy: CBT Psychodynamic | Article: C. Franklin: Current Trends & Practices in Family Therapy (on class page) Erford: Section 2, 7 and 8 Optional readings and resources posted on Moodle |
| Feb 12 Week 5 | Interpretation and Reframing Suicidality | Ivey and Ivey Ch. 11 (eds. 8 and 9) Guidelines to Disclosing Information to Prevent Harm Guest Speaker |
| February 19- READING BREAK; No Class | | |
| Feb 26 Week 6 | Logical Consequences Feedback & Self disclosure Child Sexual Abuse | Ivey: Chapter 12 (ed. 9) Chapter 13 (ed. 8) Erford: Chapter 18 Suggested: Bauman Ch. 6 CAS Info for Youth-Serving Agencies (on Moodle) |

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| | | <p>Child Abuse article (on Moodle)</p> <p>Guideline-Disclosing Information to Prevent Harm (on Moodle)</p> |
| <p>March 5 Week 7</p> | <p>Directives / Advice / Information / Resistance</p> | <p>Erford: Ch. 19</p> <p>Suggested: Bauman Ch. 6</p> <p><u>Case Study Due</u></p> |
| <p>March 12 Week 8 ONLINE LECTURE</p> | <p>Differentiation / Role play / Coaching</p> | <p>Erford: Chapter 20 and 34</p> |
| <p>March 19 Week 9</p> | <p>Prayer, Scriptures, and Role of the Holy Spirit in Counselling</p> | <p>Erford: Section 4</p> <p>Helping and the Holy Spirit article (on Moodle)</p> <p>Therapy without Walls article (on class page)</p> <p>Optional readings and resources to be posted on Moodle</p> |

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| March 26 Week 10 | Trauma and Abuse | <p>Podcast: “Discovering the Window of Tolerance” ft. Aundi Kolber (Episode 3 on Let’s be Real) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KSSSLx_6r8</p> <p>(How to find and function in our window of tolerance despite stress/trauma and integration of faith)</p> <p>Video: “Three Ways Trauma Can Change the Brain” ft. Dr. Bessel van der Kolk (NICABM) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKWUmwxi1Zl</p> <p>“Review of The Body Keeps the Score” By Bessel Vander Kolk. (posted on Moodle) Suggested: Bauman Chapter 7 Optional readings and resources to be posted on Moodle</p> |
| April 2 Week 11 | Sexual Minorities | Suggested: Bauman Ch. 4 |
| April 7-11 FINAL ASSESSMENT ONLINE BY APPOINTMENT | | |
| April 17-23 Final Paper Due | | |

V. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY (to be provided on class Moodle page)

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