Course Information

Course Description
This course is an introduction to the counseling profession. We will review all aspects of the profession including specialty areas and general functions of the professional counselor. We will examine the role of counselors as related to other profession in various areas of the mental health field. Of particular focus will be to explore the personal qualities of the counselor including the influence of personal background, culture, and values on their professional role. A review of counseling theories, ethics, and scope of the field will be included.

Course Credits
This course is required for graduation and will tender 3 hours of course credit to that end.

Prerequisite and Co-requisite Courses
“none.”

Prerequisite Skills
Accessing Internet websites, using ASU Library resources.
Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program of study for the program name, the graduate will be prepared to: Pass the state License Professional Exam. Be prepared to perform duties as an LPC I

Student Learning Outcomes

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<th>Student Learning Outcome</th>
<th>Assignment(s) or activity(ies) validating outcome achievement:</th>
<th>Mapping to Program Outcomes</th>
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<td>Be able to identify the motives, personality qualities and interpersonal skills to be a successful counselor</td>
<td>Written assignments, classroom discussion, and discussion forum participation.</td>
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<td>The student will be able to understand the theoretical dynamics of the counseling process</td>
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<td>The student will have a working understanding of the ethical decision making process.</td>
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<td>The student will understand the professional responsibilities of the counselor.</td>
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Course Delivery

This is a face-to-face course with learning resources and supplemental materials posted in Blackboard.

Required Texts and Materials

The World of the Counselor. An introduction to the counseling profession
Ed Neukrug
Technology Requirements
To successfully complete this course, students need to be able to access Blackboard and Zoom.

Communication

I will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday.

Virtual communication: Office hours and/or advising may be done with the assistance of the telephone, Collaborate, Skype, Zoom etc.

Grading

Evaluation and Grades
Course grades will be determined as indicated in the table below.

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<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Percent/Points of Total Grade</th>
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<td>Course presentation and written assignments</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Discussion topics on Blackboard</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Classroom attendance and participation</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>100%</td>
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**Grading System**
Course grades will be dependent upon completing course requirements and meeting the student learning outcomes.

The following grading scale is in use for this course:
- A = 90.00-100 percent
- B = 80.00-89.99 percent
- C = 70.00-79.99 percent
- D = 60.00-69.99 percent
- F = 0-59.99 percent (Grades are not rounded up)

**Teaching Strategies**
Students are expected to be “active learners.” It is a basic assumption of the instructor that students will be involved (beyond the materials and lectures presented in the course) discovering, processing, and applying the course information using peer-review journal articles, researching additional information and examples on the Internet, and discussing course material and clinical experiences with their peers.

**Assignment and Activity Descriptions**
*Please note: Rubrics for all assignments and activities are located at the end of this syllabus.*

Describe each assignment/activity. Here are two examples.

**Discussion Board Activities:** Discussion Boards provide an avenue for synthesis of material presented in the course. Grade is determined by 1. Timely participation (not waiting to the last day of the discussion). 2. At least three posting. You initial and response to at least two of your fellow students post.

**Assignment Submission**
All assignments MUST be submitted through the Assignments link in the Blackboard site. This is for grading, documenting, and archiving purposes. Issues with technology use arise from time to time. If a technology issue does occur regarding an assignment submission, email me at johnny.burkhalter@angelo.edu and attach a copy of what you are trying to submit. **Please contact the IT Service Center at (325) 942-2911 or go to your Technology Support tab to report the issue.** This lets your faculty know you completed the assignment on time and are
just having problems with the online submission feature in Blackboard. Once the problem is resolved, submit your assignment through the appropriate link. This process will document the problem and establish a timeline. Be sure to keep a backup of all work.

**Late Work or Missed Assignments Policy**
All assignments will have a suspense time and late assignments will not be accepted.

**General Policies Related to This Course**
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- [Angelo State University Student Handbook](#)
- [Angelo State University Catalog](#)

**Student Responsibility and Attendance**
This course is face to face. Compliance with University guidelines regarding COVID safety policies must be followed without exception. Including proper wearing of facemasks (over the mouth and nose) when in the Academic bldg.

**Academic Integrity**
Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Health and Human Services adheres to the university’s [Statement of Academic Integrity](#).

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for
reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford
Director of Student Disability Services
Office of Student Affairs
325-942-2047
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

Incomplete Grade Policy
It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

Plagiarism
Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.
Copyright Policy
Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

Syllabus Changes
The faculty member reserves the option to make changes as necessary to this syllabus and the course content. If changes become necessary during this course, the faculty will notify students of such changes by email, course announcements and/or via a discussion board announcement. It is the student’s responsibility to look for such communications about the course on a daily basis.

Title IX at Angelo State University
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form
Face to face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.boone@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-
For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Course Schedule

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<td>One and two</td>
<td>Who am I, why am I, what am I ....should I be here</td>
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<td>Three and four</td>
<td>Who are counselors, where are they, what are they. History of the profession</td>
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<td>Five and six</td>
<td>Ethics and professional standards</td>
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<td>Seven and eight</td>
<td>Theories</td>
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<td>Nine Ten Eleven</td>
<td>Counseling Skills</td>
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<td>twelve to the end...</td>
<td>Specialty areas, research, Social and cultural foundations</td>
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Select the SLO’s you use

1. Gaining a basic understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories)
2. Developing knowledge and understanding of diverse perspectives, global awareness, or other cultures
3. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
4. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course
5. Learning how to find, evaluate, and use resources to explore a topic in depth
6. Developing ethical reasoning and/or ethical decision making
7. Learning to analyze and critically evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view
8. Learning to apply knowledge and skills to benefit others or serve the public good

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End of Syllabus

1. [https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/](https://www.angelo.edu/student-handbook/)
2. [https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/](https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/)
4. [https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/](https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/)
5. [https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures](https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures)
7. [https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php](https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php)
8. [https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of](https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of)