

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Psychology and Philosophy

PSY 5035: Practicum IV, 3 Credit Hours

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(Faculty/committee meetings/supervisions are sometimes scheduled during these times, so it is best to call/e-mail and confirm appointment.)



Texts:
REQUIRED: Koocher, G. P., & Keith-Spiegel, P. (2016). *Ethics in Psychology: Professional Standards and Cases*, 4th edition. NY: Oxford University Press. – **used only for reference.**

COURSE OVERVIEW:

The course, **Practicum IV** is an optional practicum designed to provide the graduate student with an opportunity to integrate theory and practice through direct contact with patients/clients for a total of 150 hours. Individual supervision is provided by the on-site supervisor; group supervision is provided by the course instructor one time per month to problem-solve any relevant issues.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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Gaining continued understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories)	Students will be able to demonstrate continued effective basic individual psychotherapy skills.
	Students will be able to discuss ethical standards of practice regarding psychotherapy.
	Students will be able to interpret Texas Laws regarding the practice of psychology.
Developing specific skills, competencies and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course	Students will be able to demonstrate awareness of various issues in psychotherapy situations with special populations including people of diverse cultures and individual differences.
	Students will be able to be supervised by both supervisors, realizing that the site-supervisor has the last word.
Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)	Students will accrue 150 supervised clock hours.

FINAL GRADE:

Based on: site-supervisor's evaluation.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Regular and punctual attendance is expected and will be documented. We will meet for group supervision the last Wednesday of the month from noon – 1:00 PM.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES - <http://www.shsu.edu/syllabus/>

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no individuals otherwise qualified shall, solely by reason of their disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic program or activity. Students with a disability which affects their academic performance are expected to arrange a conference with the instructor as soon as possible. This is so that appropriate strategies can be considered to

ensure participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired since there will be **no retroactive accommodation**. Furthermore, accommodations will be made **only to those people who have documented the disability with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Office** in the Counseling Center. The number there is 294-3512.

To review the most recent specific SHSU policy, please see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/7ff819c3-39f3-491d-b688-db5a330ced92.pdf>

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Section 51.911(a)(2) defines religious holy days as: "a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20, Tax Code."

A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will notify the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. To review the specific policy,

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/861001.pdf>

Texas Law: <http://policies.txstate.edu/university-policies/02-06-01.html>

ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Graduate Faculty of Sam Houston State University expects students to conduct their academic work with integrity and honesty. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can result in the failure of a course and dismissal from the University. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit), the abuse of resource materials, and misrepresentation of credentials or accomplishments as a member of the college.

The University's policy on academic honesty and appeal procedures can be found in the manual entitled Student Guidelines, distributed by Division of Student Services. (Reference Section 5.3 of the SHSU Student Guidelines)

Please review the linked policy to be sure you are aware of what constitutes various acts of academic dishonesty. All instances of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

<http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/728eec25-f780-4dcf-932c-03d68cade002.pdf>

STUDENT GRIEVANCE

There is a procedure for students to grieve a number of disputes. To initiate a grievance, a student must start with the instructor to try and resolve the issue. The most recent specific policy is here: <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/0bb1346f-b8d6-4486-9290-dba24123d0d8.pdf>

COURSE EVALUATION

Satisfactory performance will result in a grade of **B**. Outstanding performance will be recognized with a grade of **A**. **Grades are determined by site supervisor's evaluation.**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Weekly Log – same as you used for Prac 2/3. All of these will be due at our last meeting in April. (signed by site supervisor)

Monthly Summary Log – same as you used for Prac 2/3. Each month, this will be due at the monthly meeting. **The total hours must add to a total of 150 hours.** (signed by instructor)