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EDUC 323-3
INTRODUCTION TO COUNSELLING THEORIES
(E100)

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Prerequisite: EDUC 220 or equivalent and 60 credit hours or permission of the instructor. Students who have credit for Educ 425 cannot take Educ 323 for further credit.

Course description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the major theories underlying the work of counselling and psychotherapy. The course will examine a range of theories, including psychodynamic, existential, cognitive-behavioral, feminist and developmental frameworks. There will be an overarching focus on the sociocultural contextualization of theory and practice throughout the course. Implicit assumptions about human nature, and interpersonal interactions will be challenged, discussed and explored.

Evaluation:

Assignments in the course will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with a variety of theoretical approaches and their implications and applications to human behavior and experience. Detailed descriptions of assignments will be distributed at the first class.

Required Readings:

Corey, Gerald. (2008) Theory and Practice of Counseling and Psychotherapy. 8th Ed. Belmont, CA: Thompson Higher Education. ISBN - 13: 978-0-495-10208-3

This book provides an overview of different theories of counselling and psychotherapy. The text has not changed significantly from the previous edition. Students wishing to economize and willing to put up with the slight inconvenience of looking up equivalent material located in different parts of the text may purchase earlier (and used) editions.

Burston, D. & Frie, R. (2006). Psychotherapy as a Human Science. Pittsburgh: Duquesne University Press. ISBN - 13: 978-0-8207-0378-7

This book provides an overview of different philosophies of human nature and their applicability to counselling.

Recommended Reading:

Mitchell, Stephen, A. and Black, Margaret, J. (1995) *Freud and Beyond: A History of Modern Psychoanalytic Thought*. New York: Basic Books. ISBN: 0-465-01404-6

An excellent and very readable overview of psychodynamic theory. Well worth buying for future reference.

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http://www.educ.sfu.ca/ugradprogs/student_resources/index.html