

# **COUN 5243 Group Counseling**

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*\*Important\**

**This course's weeks start on Saturday and ends on Friday for each week.**

**MANDATORY ZOOM:**

March 24th and April 14th from 7 pm to 8 pm CST.

**INSTRUCTOR RESPONSE POLICY:**

Please log on frequently to D2L to check your email as I will communicate and give updates via email. When I send out a group email, please respond to confirm receipt to prevent a lag in communication. I will check my email regularly during the week, and you can expect a response from me within the next 24 hours (but most likely sooner). Please email me with questions before assignments are due; do not wait until the last minute. If you need to discuss any assignments, we can schedule a meeting during my office hours via Zoom or phone.

The MSU Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling programs require at least a B average. Cs are unacceptable, and more than 2 Cs will put you in danger of being removed from the program. Please consult the Student Handbook for more information.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Course content includes the theoretical and procedural aspects of effective group work, including group dynamics and the stages of the group process. To gain experience in methods and practice, students participate as group members and as facilitators.

**COURSE RATIONALE:**

Group counseling is generally considered an effective, efficient modality of treatment and is preferred to individual counseling in many settings. While there is some overlap in the skill sets between individual and group modalities, there are also some pronounced differences. This course allows students to explore the group experience as both a leader and participant while exposing them to the fundamentals of effective group counseling and its applicability for client populations.

## **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

Berg, R. C., Landreth, G. L., & Fall, K.A. (2018). *Group Counseling Concepts and Procedures 6th Edition*. Routledge.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

### **Knowledge and Skill Learning Outcomes: CACREP Standards**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will learn:

- 3.A. 2. the multiple professional roles and functions of counselors across specialized practice areas
- 3.A. 3. counselors' roles, responsibilities, and relationships as members of specialized practice and interprofessional teams, including (a) collaboration and consultation, (b) community outreach, and (c) emergency response management
- 3.E. 1. theories and models of counseling, including relevance to clients from diverse cultural backgrounds
- 3.E. 1. theories and models of counseling, including relevance to clients from diverse cultural backgrounds
- 3.E. 20. crisis intervention, trauma-informed, community-based, and disaster mental health strategies
- 3.F. 1. theoretical foundations of group counseling and group work
- 3.F. 10. direct experiences in which counseling students participate as group members in a small group activity, approved by the program, for a minimum of 10 clock hours over the course of one academic term
- 3.F. 2. dynamics associated with group process and development (KPI, final)
- 3.F. 3. therapeutic factors of group work and how they contribute to group effectiveness
- 3.F. 4. characteristics and functions of effective group leaders (KPI, final)
- 3.F. 5. approaches to group formation, including recruiting, screening, and selecting members
- 3.F. 6. application of technology related to group counseling and group work
- 3.F. 7. types of groups, settings, and other considerations that affect conducting groups
- 3.F. 8. culturally sustaining and developmentally responsive strategies for designing and facilitating groups
- 3.F. 9. ethical and legal considerations relative to the delivery of group counseling and group work across service delivery modalities
- 5.C. 5. techniques and interventions for prevention and treatment of a broad range of mental health issues

### **Learning Objectives**

1. Students learn the theoretical model of different types of groups
2. Students experience the process of counseling groups (KPI)
3. Students learn therapeutic factors and how they contribute to group effectiveness

4. Students learn the characteristics and functions of effective group leaders (KPI)
5. Students learn the techniques and timing used by facilitators

### **COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, its faculty, and its students adhere to the University Code of Conduct, State of Texas licensure laws and regulations, and the American Counseling Association's (2014) *Code of Ethics*. The program has a professional responsibility to ensure that all students display ethical, professional, and personal behaviors that comply with these guidelines. Students are strongly encouraged to review, understand, and consult the [American Counseling Association website](#) for details related to these guidelines.

Department of Counseling students are expected to demonstrate appropriate classroom behavior, consistent with their counselor-in-training roles. Counselors-in-training are expected to convey attentiveness and respect in all professional and classroom settings.

#### Online Etiquette

It is expected that students use formal, professional language when corresponding online. It is expected that you use complete sentences, address one another with respect, follow the American Counseling Association's (2014) *Code of Ethics*, and treat all members of the class with respect.

#### Inclusivity

I intend to present material and activities that are respectful of different backgrounds. I intend that students from all perspectives and backgrounds be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the differences that students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength, and benefit. Your suggestions about how to improve the value of inclusion in this course are encouraged and appreciated.

#### Confidentiality

Upholding confidentiality is a major responsibility of the student. Anything discussed during supervision, online in this class, or shared by individual students about themselves is considered confidential. Please do not share any information shared to you by other students.

#### Academic Dishonesty

Students at Midwestern State University are an essential part of the academic community and enjoy substantial freedom within the framework of the educational objectives of the institution. The freedom necessary for learning in a community so rich in diversity and achieving success toward our educational objectives requires high standards of academic integrity. Academic dishonesty has no place in an institution of advanced learning. It is each student's responsibility to know what constitutes academic dishonesty and to seek clarification directly from the instructor if necessary. Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- Submission of an assignment as the student's original work that is entirely or partly the work of another person.
- Failure to appropriately cite references from published or unpublished works or print/non-print materials, including work found on the World Wide Web.
- Observing or assisting another student's work.
- Multiple Submission - Submitting a substantial portion or the entire same work (including oral presentations) for credit in different classes without permission or knowledge of the instructor.
- Usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) software, this does not include editing tools of Word or Grammarly i.e., spell check or rewriting suggestions for clarity.

### Statement of Disability

Disability Support Services (DSS) provides services to students with disabilities to ensure accessibility to university programs. DSS offers information about accommodations and disability, evaluation referral, adaptive technology training and equipment, and interpreter services for academically related purposes.

If you suspect you have a disability that is impacting your academic performance or has been previously documented as a person with a disability, you will need to apply and provide documentation of that disability to the Disability Support Services. This documentation must be supplied by a qualified professional who is licensed or certified to diagnose the disability in question.

The Disability Support Services office is located in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center. If you need assistance, you can also contact them at (940) 397-4140.

### Attendance

Class attendance is crucial to the successful completion of this course since much of the training cannot be learned in textbooks. Therefore, GRADUATE STUDENTS are expected to be on time and to attend **every** session online and all required face-to-face classes. Tardiness, leaving early, and absences are considered evidence of a lack of dependability and are taken seriously.

### Late Work

All papers and assignments must be turned in on the day they are due. **\*No exceptions.** If you have an emergency, please let me know in advance and/or email me your assignment the same day it is due. Any late papers will be lowered **\*10%**. Please observe that your assignments are worth a considerable number of points and skipping even one assignment will most likely significantly lower your grade. Please begin planning your semester schedule accordingly.

**SEMESTER COURSE OUTLINE**

Class Dates	Class Topics	Assignments/Reading
<p>1. Week of Saturday, March 22, 2025 - Friday, March 28, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review your Syllabus</li> <li>• Class Introductions</li> <li>• Read chapters 1-2</li> <li>• <b>Mandatory Zoom March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm CST</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li>• Read chapters 1-2</li> </ul>
<p>2. Week of Saturday, March 29, 2025 - Friday, April 4, 2025</p> <p><b>4/1/25- April Fool's Day</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be working on your group observation and 10 clock hours of direct experience groups and paper.</li> <li>• Read chapters 3-4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li>• Read chapters 3-4</li> </ul>
<p>3. Week of Saturday, April 5, 2025 - Friday, April 11, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be working on your group observation and 10 clock hours of direct experience groups and paper.</li> <li>• Read chapters 5-6</li> <li>• <b>Turn in Group Observation Reflection Paper Appendix B</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li>• Read chapters 5-6</li> <li>• <b>Turn in Group Observation Reflection Paper Appendix B</b></li> </ul>
<p>4. Week of Saturday, April 12, 2025 - Friday, April 18, 2025</p> <p>(3.F.1, 3.F.2, 3.F.3, 3.F.4, 3.F.7, 3.F.8, 3.F.9)</p> <p><b>4/17-4/20-EASTER BREAK</b></p> <p>Turn into D2L</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be working on your group observation and 10 clock hours of direct experience groups and paper.</li> <li>• Read Ch. 7-8</li> <li>• <b>Mandatory Zoom April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 pm CST</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li>• Read Ch. 7-8</li> </ul>

Class Dates	Class Topics	Assignments/Reading
<p><b>5.</b> Week of Saturday, April 19, 2025 - Friday, April 25, 2025            Mandatory Zoom: 4/23 (7 – 8 pm CST)  <b>4/17-4/20-EASTER BREAK</b></p> <p>KPI: TK 20 (3.F.4, 3.F.8, 3.F.9)            Turn in to tk20 and D2L</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be working on your 10 clock hours of direct experience groups and paper.</li> <li>• Read 9-10</li> <li>• <b>Turn in Record and Conduct a Group Appendix D</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li>• Read 9-10</li> <li>• <b>Turn in Record and Conduct a Group Appendix D</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>6.</b> Week of Saturday, April 26, 2025 - Friday, May 2, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Ch. 11-13</li> <li>• <b>Turn in 10 Clock Hours of Direct Experience Paper Appendix C to D2L</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li>• Read Ch. 11-13</li> <li>• <b>Turn in 10 Clock Hours of Direct Experience Paper Appendix C to D2L</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>7.</b> Week of Saturday, May 3, 2025 – Friday, May 9, 2025</p> <p>(3.F.1, 3.F.2, 3.F.3, 3.F.4, 3.F.5, 3.F.7, 3.F.8, 3.F.9, 3.F.10).            Complete on D2L</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read Appendix A, B, C, D and E</li> <li>• Complete Final Exam Appendix E</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li>• Read Appendix A, B, C, D and E</li> <li>• Study for Final</li> <li>• <b>Complete Final Exam Appendix E</b></li> </ul>

Class Dates	Class Topics	Assignments/Reading
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete Final Exam Appendix E</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post a discussion board, and reply.</li> <li><b>Complete Final Exam Appendix E</b></li> </ul>

## EVALUATION AND ASSIGNMENTS

**\*\* ALL WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA D2L AND ALL WORK MUST BE COMPLETED USING THE LATEST APA EDITION STYLE.**

### **Online Assignments and Comments: (16 pts.)**

Students are required to answer questions or complete assignments regularly related to the weekly reading. Almost every week students will be required to answer questions about the reading or be asked to reflect on a particular topic for that week. Students may also be required to engage in short creative projects instead of questions about the readings. If there is a discussion, students are required to participate and comment on at least one other person's thread. The assignments and weekly discussions are due by **\*Friday** at 11:59 pm. Follow directions to get full points each week. Late work will not be accepted. **(See Appendix A)** (3.F.1, 3.F.2, 3.F.3, 3.F.4, 3.F.5, 3.F.7, 3.F.8, 3.F.9, 3.F.10)

### **Group Observation Reflection Paper: (10 pts.)**

Students will watch a movie that features a counseling group. For example, 28 Days (on Netflix), Girl Interrupted, Anger Management, Manic, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Fight Club, etc. Remember, this is an academic paper. Please use sources and in-text citations, and list those sources on your APA 7 reference page. When referencing your movie, you must include a correct in-text citation. This source must also be listed on your reference page. There are no minimum page numbers as long as you address everything on the outline guide and paper template. Please see the grading rubric to determine how detailed you need to be within each section **(See Appendix B)** (3.F.1, 3.F.2, 3.F.3, 3.F.4, 3.F.5, 3.F.7, 3.F.8, 3.F.9, 3.F.10)

### **10 Clock Hours of Direct Experience Paper: (20 pts.)**

Students will need to acquire 10 hours of direct group experience. This can be done by being a participant in other students' Zoom groups, sitting in on in-person/Zoom groups including AA, NA, Al-ANON, Domestic Violence or Abuse, Grief, Anger Management, or Parenting groups. You must write a paper with an APA 7 Cover page for this assignment. Students will **NOT** have to utilize a reference page for this assignment. Please use the given outline and template. **Students will write an academic**

**paragraph (at least five sentences) for each clock hour.** Students will simply write when they observed the group (date), the name of the group, what the topic of the group was, how the group took place (in-person, zoom, etc.), and a reflection of their experience as well as least one thing that they learned during the group. Remember to write a minimum of five sentences. **(See Appendix C). 3.F.10**

**Record and Conduct a Group: (30 pts)**

Students will record themselves conducting a 20-minute counseling group. Students may use Zoom or other recording devices. Groups must have at least three participants (not including the leader). Once recording, students must first discuss confidentiality before beginning the group. Students will then conduct a short icebreaker to build rapport with the group. Students will then choose a topic to instruct the group about. For example, self-compassion, stress management, compassion fatigue, burnout, etc. If the topic is in the realm of clinical mental health, it is acceptable. Participants can be fellow students, family, or friends. Students are not to make up fake personalities for these groups; they are to be authentically themselves. Remember not to choose any topics that would be too emotionally heavy, as students are not qualified to counsel each other. Students must maintain a professional demeanor when leading their groups. Students will be sure to summarize their group when wrapping up. Please utilize the outline given, and the grading rubric to determine how detailed one must be. **(See Appendix D) KPI: TK 20 (3.F.4, 3.F.8, 3.F.9). I would suggest outlining to follow while you lead, see Appendix D.**

**Final Exam: (24 pts.)**

There will be a final examination, and it will cover every chapter in the textbook. Before you take the exam, please take a moment to utilize breathing exercises and mindfulness, located within Appendix E to better prepare you to take the exam. **(See Appendix E) (3.F.1, 3.F.2, 3.F.3, 3.F.4, 3.F.5, 3.F.7, 3.F.8, 3.F.9)**

Assignments	Modality	Points
Online Assignments and Comments	D2L	16
Group Observation Reflection Paper	D2L	10
10 Clock Hours of Direct Experience Paper	D2L	20
Record and Conduct a Group	D2L and Tk20 Link	30
Final Exam	D2L	24
Total Points	N/A	100

**Grade Classifications:**

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79



- D = 60-69
- F = 59 or Below

## **DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS**

The counselor education program is charged with the dual task of nurturing the development of counselors-in-training and ensuring quality client care. In order to fulfill these dual responsibilities, faculty must evaluate students based on their academic, professional, and personal qualities. A student's progress in the program may be interrupted for failure to comply with academic standards or if a student's interpersonal or emotional status interferes with training-related requirements. For example, in order to ensure proper training and client care, a counselor-in-training must abide by relevant ethical codes and demonstrate professional knowledge, technical and interpersonal skills, professional attitudes, and professional character. These factors are evaluated based on one's academic performance and one's ability to convey warmth, genuineness, respect, and empathy in interactions with clients, classmates, staff, and faculty. Students should demonstrate the ability to accept and integrate feedback, be aware of their impact on others, accept personal responsibility, and be able to express feelings effectively and appropriately. For further clarification on student review and retention please refer to the handbook.

### Classroom Behaviors

Department of Counseling students are expected to demonstrate appropriate classroom behavior, consistent with their counselor-in-training roles. Counselors-in-training are expected to convey attentiveness and respect in all professional and classroom settings. Specifically, these include:

- Avoiding tardiness and late arrival to class.
- Being attentive and participative in class and online.
- Not using cell phones and text messaging during class.
- Not surfing the web, emailing, tweeting, or using instant messaging (IM) during class.
- Minimizing eating and disruptive snacking during class.
- Avoiding personal conversations with students during class, which are disruptive to fellow students and the learning environment.

## **STUDENT ETHICS AND OTHER POLICY INFORMATION**

### Ethics:

For further information about Midwestern State University's policies regarding student ethics and conduct, please contact 940-397-4135 (Student Support Services).

### Special Notice

Students whose names do not appear on the class list will not be permitted to participate (take exams or receive credit) without first showing proof of registration (Schedule of Classes and Statement of Account).

### Campus Carry

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, by state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at: [Campus Carry](#). As this is an online class, this policy should not apply, but please familiarize yourself with this and other campus policies. **\*Please note, that the open carry of handguns, whether licensed or not, and the carrying of all other firearms, whether open or concealed, are prohibited on campus.**

### Limited Right to Intellectual Property

By enrolling in this course, the student expressly grants MSU a "limited right" to all intellectual property created by the student for this course. The "limited right" shall include but shall not be limited to the right to reproduce the student's work product to verify originality and authenticity, and for educational purposes.

### Midwestern State University Mission Statement

MSU is a leading public liberal arts university committed to providing students with rigorous undergraduate and graduate education in the liberal arts and the professions. Through an emphasis on teaching, augmented by the opportunity for students to engage in research and creative activities alongside faculty and to participate in co-curricular and service programs, Midwestern State prepares its graduates to embark upon their careers or pursue advanced study. The university's undergraduate education is based upon a comprehensive arts and sciences core curriculum. The understanding that students gain of themselves, others, and the social and natural world prepares them to contribute constructively to society through their work and their private lives.

### Midwestern State University Values

- People-Centered – Engage others with respect, empathy, and joy.
- Community – Cultivate a welcoming and belonging campus environment.
- Integrity – Always do the right thing.
- Visionary – Adopt innovative ideas to pioneer new paths.
- Connections – Value relationships with broader communities.

### Midwestern State University Counseling Program Objectives

1. Reflect current knowledge and projected needs concerning counseling practice in a multicultural and pluralistic society
2. Reflect input from all persons involved in the conduct of the program, including counselor education program faculty, current and former students, and personnel in cooperating agencies
3. Address student learning
4. Written so they can be evaluated

**\*Please refer to your Clinical Mental Health student handbook, and or your**

**practicum and internship manual located within the D2L shell for review.**

Desire-to-Learn (D2L):

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Important Dates:

Last day for term schedule check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Deadline to file for graduation check date on [Academic Calendar](#).

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W" check date on [Academic Calendar](#). Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Online Computer Requirements:

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. **\*Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered a reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. **\*Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world that is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties with the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations however they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Change of Schedule:

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the [Schedule of Classes](#) each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy:

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees, and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. However, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans, and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon

request).

Smoking/Tobacco Policy:

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building on campus. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy:

To comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place that prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state, and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on university property or at university-sponsored activities.

Grade Appeal Process:

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

\*Notice:

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

## RESOURCES

American Counseling Association. (2014). *2014 ACA Code of Ethics*. Retrieved from [article](#).

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**APPENDICES**

**Appendix A**

**Online Assignments and Comments (25 pts.)**

**Rubric of Online Assignments and Comments (Possible 25 Pts.)**

Week	Points Earned
Week 1 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
Week 2 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
Week 3 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
Week 4 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
Week 5 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
Week 6 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
Week 7 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
Week 8 (2 pts)	Out of 2 points
<b>Total Points Earned</b>	<b>Out of 16 points</b>

## **Appendix B**

Group Observation Reflection Paper: (10 pts.)

CACREP Standards Addressed: 3.F.1, 3.F.2, 3.F.3, 3.F.4, 3.F.7, 3.F.8, 3.F.9

Example Outline – See Template within D2L.

- APA 7 Cover Page
- Introduction to the Assignment
- Group Observed
- Group Stages
- Group Skills
- Summary
- APA 7 Reference Page

Rubric for Group Observation Reflection Paper (Possible 10 Pts.)

Criterion	Improvement Needed .25	Developing .5	Proficient .75	Accomplished 1	Pts
Identification of the group, group's purpose, and issues addressed by the group.	The name, purpose, and issues addressed within the group were not identified.	One out of three of the following name, purpose, and issues addressed were identified, but the other two were not.	Two out of three of the following name, purpose, and issues addressed were identified, but not all three.	The name, purpose, and issues addressed within the group were fully identified with proper in-text citations, and the source listed on the reference page.	
Identified the group stages observed during the group session.	Did not refer to group stages, only personal, not professional descriptors.	Cursory references to group stages colored by personal descriptors.	Description of group stages; includes implications for group process which is examined well but not fully developed.	Thoroughly considered group stages; examined impact of group developments for client and group growth.	
Identified group techniques, interventions, and facilitation skills.	Did not delineate interventions or activities in detail.	Details of activities were somewhat sketchy; few examples used to demonstrate interventions.	The relationship between activities, interventions & group process is clear. Fairly well organized though connections are lacking.	Supporting details specific to connections between activities and facilitator interventions and group process are exceptionally well described.	

Summary of personal opinion of the group the student observed.	Not present	Not an academic paragraph of at least five sentences.	An academic paragraph, but vague.	Thoughtful, thought-provoking, and in-depth	
Grammar and APA Reference and Title Page	Not graduate level writing, many grammatical errors, many APA 7 errors, and many academic writing errors.	Graduate level writing, with some grammatical errors, some APA 7 errors, and some academic writing errors.	Some grammatical errors, lacking correctness of reference or title page. Correct APA 7 writing.	Grammatically correct, APA style standards, and correct formatting on references and title page.	
Total Points Awarded			10		



## Appendix C

10 Clock Hours of Direct Experience Paper: (20 pts.)

CACREP Standards Addressed:

3.F.10

Example Outline – See Template on D2L

- APA 7 Cover Page
- Introduction to the Assignment
- **Group One** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Two** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Three** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Four** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Five** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Six** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Seven** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Eight** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.). Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.
- **Group Nine** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group

topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.).  
Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.

- **Group 10** (At least five sentences) Sentence One: When the group took place (date). Sentence Two: The Name of the Group. Sentence Three: What the group topic was. Sentence Four: How the group took place (in-person/zoom, etc.).  
Sentence Five: One thing that you learned during the group.

10 Clock Hours of Direct Experience Paper Grading Rubric

Assignment Component	Improvement Needed .5	Developing 1	Proficient 1.5	Accomplished 2	Pts
APA 7 Cover Page	Major Errors, Unacceptable	Moderate Errors	Minor Errors	Correct	
Group 1	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 2	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 3	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 4	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 5	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 6	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 7	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave	Attended group in full but incomplete	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	

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		early.	summary (not at least five sentences).		
Group 8	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 9	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Group 10	Did not attend, no summary present.	Partially attended group, had to leave early.	Attended group in full but incomplete summary (not at least five sentences).	Attended group in full and Complete Summary Present	
Out of 20 Points					

## Appendix D

Record and Conduct a Group (30 pts) Turn into D2L and Tk20 link.

CACREP Standards Addressed:

TK 20 (3.F.4, 3.F.8, 3.F.9)

Example Outline of Group, I would suggest outlining to follow while you lead.

- Maintain Professionalism throughout the Group
- Introduce the Group Topic: Today we will be talking about....
- Go over informed confidentiality: Before we get started today, I want to talk about confidentiality...
- Go over limits of confidentiality: Even though I, the facilitator, will respect your confidentiality during this group, there is no guarantee that your fellow participants will...
- Re-address topic and begin your group
- Facilitate an icebreaker that correlates to your group topic
- Facilitate the group around your topic, encourage participation, use effective counseling skills throughout.
- Facilitate an intervention or activity related to your group topic.
- Wrap up and summarize what was covered during the group before ending

Record and Conduct a Group Rubric: (30 pts.)

Criterion	Improvement Needed 1.5	Developing 3	Proficient 4.5	Accomplished 6	Pts
<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced the group topic, and theory to be utilized</li> <li>• Went over group confidentiality</li> <li>• Explain limits of group confidentiality</li> </ul>	Student did not address this section.	Student partially addressed this section during group.	Student addressed this section, but did not cover all necessary information , skills, or items during group.	Student addressed this section in full and covered all necessary information, skills, or items during group.	
<p>Facilitation Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Able to keep group on task</li> <li>• Encourages all members to participate</li> <li>• Was able to provide active engagement with the group</li> <li>• Used group facilitation skills effectively (active listening, questioning, modeling, linking, on task, participating encouragement).</li> </ul>	Student did not address this section.	Student partially addressed this section during group.	Student addressed this section, but did not cover all necessary information , skills, or items during group.	Student addressed this section in full and covered all necessary information, skills, or items during group.	

<p>Intervention or Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided appropriate activity</li> <li>• Stated purpose of activity</li> <li>• Executed activity well</li> </ul>	<p>Student did not address this section.</p>	<p>Student partially addressed this section during group.</p>	<p>Student addressed this section, but did not cover all necessary information, skills, or items during group.</p>	<p>Student addressed this section in full and covered all necessary information, skills, or items during group.</p>	
<p>Wrap up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective summarization by facilitator.</li> </ul>	<p>Student did not address this section.</p>	<p>Student partially addressed this section during group.</p>	<p>Student addressed this section, but did not cover all necessary information, skills, or items during group.</p>	<p>Student addressed this section in full and covered all necessary information, skills, or items during group.</p>	
<p>Counselor Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintained professionalism throughout mock group session.</li> </ul>	<p>Student did not address this section.</p>	<p>Student partially addressed this section during group.</p>	<p>Student addressed this section, but did not cover all necessary information, skills, or items during group.</p>	<p>Student addressed this section in full and covered all necessary information, skills, or items during group.</p>	
<p>Total Points Awarded Out of 30</p>					

## Appendix E

Final Exam (24 pts.)

CACREP Standards Addressed:

3.F.1, 3.F.2, 3.F.3, 3.F.4, 3.F.5, 3.F.7, 3.F.8, 3.F.9, 3.F.10

Final Exam (24 pts.)

Students will take a 24-question final exam worth 24 points (24%) of their final grade. These Questions will cover all chapters within the textbook. Students may take the final exam twice, with their highest grade being kept. Before you take the exam, please take a moment to utilize breathing exercises and mindfulness to better prepare you to take the exam.

Breathing Exercises:

- Breath Focus
  - Bringing intentional attention to each breath.
- Deep Breathing
  - Inhale for 4 seconds, hold until 7, and exhale at 8.
- Diaphragmatic Breathing
  - Lie down, place one hand on your chest, and one below rib cage, focus on deep body breathing.
- Pursed Lip Breathing
  - Inhale slowly, pucker/purse lips, exhale slowly
- Resonant or Coherent Breathing
  - Inhale for 5 seconds, Exhale for 5 seconds

Grounding Techniques:

- Progressive Muscle Relaxation
- Counting backwards from 100 by 7
- Play categories
- Cool water on the skin
- Reframing

\*I have abided by the Midwestern State University Code of Academic Integrity on the above assignments.