

## **Midland College Syllabus**

2020-2021

DAAC 2354

Dynamics of Group Counseling

3 Semester Credit Hours

### **Instructor Information:**

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**Notice:** Students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment required by the instructor by the official census date. Students who do not actively participate in an academically related activity may be reported as never attended and dropped from the course.

### **MANDATORY-State Requirements for Licensure:**

Completion of Midland College degrees and/or certificates does not guarantee eligibility to take a certification/registry/licensure examination. The eligibility of each person is determined on an individual basis by the regulatory body of the specific discipline. If you have a conviction of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, physical or mental disability/illness, hospitalization/treatment for chemical dependency within the past five years, current intemperate use of drugs or alcohol or a previous denial of a licensure or action by a licensing authority, you will need to contact the specific regulatory body ([http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lcdc/lcdc\\_rules.shtml](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/lcdc/lcdc_rules.shtml)) for an individual ruling. Some programs require a criminal background check and urine and drug screen. Please refer to the Department of State Health Services website at [Department of State Health Services](#) for licensure requirements.

### **Course Description:**

Exploration of group counseling skills, techniques, and stages of group development, and confidentiality and ethics.

\*The lab portion of this course is **tentative to be in classroom or online**.

### **Text, References and Supplies:**

- Corey, Gerald. Theory & Practice of Group Counseling, 9<sup>th</sup> edition; Cengage.
  - ISBN: 978-1-3050880-1-6

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Differentiate types of groups.
- Describe the basic stages of the group process.
- Demonstrate group management skills.
- Produce client documentation.
- Identify issues of confidentiality.

### **Student Contributions, Responsibilities and Class Policies:**

Logging onto Canvas and completing course material is required in order to be successful in this class. Students will be evaluated based on the results of examinations given throughout the semester. A tentative schedule showing the due dates of all quizzes, activities and exams is below. Students are

expected to meet all deadlines. There are NO make-ups for missed quizzes, activities and exams. All assignments shall be typed and presented in a professional manner and turned in **ON TIME**.

The student is ultimately responsible for his/her own learning and professional growth, what you put into it is what you will get out of it! It is your responsibility to conduct a realistic self-appraisal of what you personally need to master and how you can best attain it. **Challenge yourself to grow as an individual and a professional. Please respect the confidentiality of the classroom and discussions that are held if we move to classroom and or video for lab.**

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#### **Confidentiality:**

These classes prepare you for a career in counseling. Some class discussions will deal with confidential material of yours and other students. Privileged information that is shared in class may under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** be repeated or shared outside of the classroom (Canvas is considered a classroom in this case). In regard to written materials, your **OWN** feelings, opinions, and/or insights may be shared. You are training to be professionals, act as a professional and use professional **ETHICS!**

**CAUTION: IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, KEEP THE TRUST!**

#### **Attendance Policy:**

It is the responsibility of the students to know the policies and procedures associated with absences. These policies are set by instructors. Excused absences may include, but are not limited to, illness, severe weather, and death in the family. Instructors will determine whether or not an absence is excused. Please visit the [Midland College Catalog](#). Absences will be a factor in determining your attendance grade.

#### **Withdrawal Policy:**

Students who have enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher education as a first-time freshman in fall 2007 or later are permitted to drop no more than six courses during the entire undergraduate career. This limit includes all transfer work taken at a Texas institution of higher education and to second baccalaureate degrees. This statute was enacted by the State of Texas in spring 2007 (Texas Education Code 51.907). Any course that a student drops after Census Day is counted toward the six course limit if “(1) the student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty; (2) the student’s transcript indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course; and (3) the student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution.” Please visit the [Midland College Catalog](#)

#### **Scholastic Dishonesty:**

Midland College does not tolerate scholastic dishonesty or academic misconduct in any form. Please read the MC Student Handbook on this subject. Please visit the [Midland College Catalog](#)

#### **Course Schedule:**

See Canvas

#### **Evaluation of Students:**

The student is expected to take weekly quizzes on Blackboard which will cover the current chapter. Attendance is mandatory and multiple absences will not be tolerated and will result in a failing grade. Multiple absences not only provide a disadvantage to the student, but provide a great disadvantage to the group as a whole; please show professionalism and respect by attending class on a regular basis.

Students are expected to compile and submit a typed six-week group counseling curriculum for the lecture portion of this course that has one main topic; the student will be expected to lead the group in a group activity that is contained in the six-week group curriculum. The student led activity will be counted as the “final examination” grade and may be assigned at any time during the semester.

The following table is an example of how the cumulative grade for both the lab and lecture will be calculated for this course:

Assignments	Percentage of Grade	Grade Range
Attendance/Participation	25%	90-100 A
Quizzes	30%	89-80 B
Six-week Curriculum	25%	79-70 C
Six-week Curriculum Presentation	10%	69-60 D
Documentation	10%	59-0 F

#### **Student Issues:**

If you experience any issue that needs addressing in this course, the protocol to follow in order to get your needs met and your issue heard follows:

1. Visit with your instructor and explain the issue you are experiencing in order to find a solution.
2. If a solution is not found, visit with the ADAC Program director.
3. If your difficulty STILL has not been remedied, call the Dean and make an appointment for your issue to be heard.

#### **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Statement:**

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must visit [www.midland.edu/accommodation](http://www.midland.edu/accommodation) and complete the Application for Accommodation Services located under the Apply for Accommodations tab. Services or accommodations are not automatic, each student must apply and be approved to receive them. All documentation submitted will be reviewed and a “Notice of Accommodations” letter will be sent to instructors outlining any reasonable accommodations.

#### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Midland College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following individual has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Wendy A. Kane  
Dean of Student Life  
Midland College  
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Midland, TX 79705  
[Title9@midland.edu](mailto:Title9@midland.edu)

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit the ED.gov Office of Civil Rights website, or call 1 (800) 421-3481.

### **Spanish**

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COVID: Students and faculty are encouraged but not required to wear face masks. Those reporting exposure to covid are asked to fill out the appropriate form online and necessary parties will be contacted. Identities and diagnosis cannot be revealed. Students are encouraged to stay in contact with instructors so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

### **Division Information:**

Division Dean:	Mr. David Hopkins	175 MHAB	(432) 685-6805
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