Description: Counselling Psychology

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PSY     | 3050    | 66333 | 2, 2007 | ONC | 1.00 | Toowoomba

Academic group: FOSCI
Academic org: FOS005
Student contribution band: 1
ASCED code: 090513

STAFFING
Examiner: Gavin Beccaria
Moderator: Tony Machin

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: PSY2020

RATIONALE
This course introduces participants to a range of counselling and therapeutic models which guide intervention approaches in effecting behavioural, cognitive and affective change. In addition, participants will examine issues related to the professional practice of counselling.

SYNOPSIS
This course is designed to introduce the student to the theory and issues involved in counselling. Various models of counselling and behaviour change that constitute the field of counselling psychology will be examined along with an introduction to the major theories and their related techniques and interventions. Students must be able to access USQStudyDesk for participation in discussion groups and for additional study materials.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a critical awareness of models of counselling and therapeutic change (Essay, Exam, CMA);
2. demonstrate a basic understanding of the practice of counselling individuals (Essay, exam CMA);
3. demonstrate personal awareness and competence with respect to challenges that affect counsellors, including ethical issues for student counsellors (Essay, Exam).
### TOPICS

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### TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at [http://bookshop.usq.edu.au](http://bookshop.usq.edu.au) click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: Students need regular access to a computer with on-line access and audio taping equipment.


### REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

- , *American psychologist*,
- , *Journal of counselling psychology*,
- , *Journal of consulting and clinical psychology*,
- , *Counselling psychology quarterly*,
STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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## ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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**NOTES**

1. The End of Semester Examination for this course will be a 2 hour exam, consisting of 40 multiple-choice questions and 2 short answer questions, in response to 2 Case Studies. The exam date will be advised, closer to the exam period.

## IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   - It is the students' responsibility to participate actively in all classes scheduled for them, and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   - To be assured of a pass in this course, students must attempt all pieces of assessment and must achieve an overall mark of at least 50%.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   - If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 2% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each working day late.

4. Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   - To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.

5. Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   - The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. Examination information:
   - Candidates are allowed access only to specific materials during a Restricted Examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold textual information (students must indicate on their examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination); Students whose first language is not English may, etc

7. Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   - Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.
8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10
Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene
University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ
Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment
to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested
by the Examiner.

10 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced
within five days if required by the Examiner.

11 The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating
circumstances.

12 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed
on paper-based media. In this course, the formative assessments must be submitted
electronically.

13 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise
disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should
contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

14 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

15 Students will require access to e-mail and internet access to USQConnect and
USQStudyDesk for this course. Some of the assessment items must be submitted
electronically.