

**Course Syllabus**  
**COUN 670G Practicum in Clinical Mental Health**  
**Fall 2024**

**CLASS INFORMATION**

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3. To graduate master's degree student able to perform in appropriate professional and academic positions.
4. To graduate master's degree students who exhibit the attributes of a liberally educated person.

**Course Overview**

**I. Course Catalog Description****COUN 670G Practicum in Clinical Mental Health (3 credit hours)**

Supervised counseling experience in roles and setting with clients relevant to clinical mental health. Each student must accrue a minimum of 100 hours under the supervision of university faculty and appropriately experienced and credentialed on-site personnel, with at least 40 clock hours of direct service. The semester prior to enrollment, the student must complete the practicum application

process and be pre-approved for practicum. Prerequisites: COUN 672G and COUN 663G with grades of 'B' or better.

## **II. Rationale**

This course is designed to provide a supportive, structured learning environment for acquiring clinical experience and on-the-job training on an introductory scale. Practicum builds on the foundation provided by academic and experiential coursework, life experience, and personal values. It allows students to develop a meaningful framework for the application of counseling skills.

## **III. Credit Hour Statement**

This course is worth three credit hours. In addition to the scheduled class meeting times, which are the equivalent of 90 minutes per week, you should expect to do an average of 10 hours of work per week related to this course outside of class. This may include, but is not limited to, reading, written assignments, essays, discussion boards, study for examinations and quizzes, and other tasks as described in this syllabus. The time to complete these tasks is an average that represents the typical amount of time a student can expect to commit. Times may vary by student.

## **IV. Proficiencies for Counselors**

Counselors-in-training must master proficiencies from two major sources: local state laws pertaining to counselor licensure and certification and the standards developed by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Since the Truman State University counseling program operates across multiple states, students are advised to check the program alignment website (<http://programalignmentwebsite.truman.edu>) for their specific state.

*Students intending to pursue licensure in some states may require additional client-facing hours as part of this course in order to meet the educational requirements for licensure in their state. Students should make sure to remind their Practicum instructor of the state in which they are located and/or in which they intend to practice to adapt their experience accordingly.*

Standards addressed in this course include:

*CACREP Section 3: Professional Practice*

- A. Students are covered by individual professional counseling liability insurance policies while enrolled in practicum and internship.
- B. Supervision of practicum and internship students includes program-appropriate audio/video recordings and/or live supervision of students' interactions with clients.
- C. Formative and summative evaluations of the student's counseling performance and ability to integrate and apply knowledge are conducted as part of the student's practicum and internship.
- D. Students have the opportunity to become familiar with a variety of professional activities and resources, including technological resources, during their practicum and internship.
- E. In addition to the development of individual counseling skills, during *either* the practicum or internship, students must lead or co-lead a counseling or psychoeducational group.
- F. Students complete supervised counseling practicum experiences that total a minimum of 100 clock hours over a full academic term that is a minimum of 10 weeks.
- G. Practicum students complete at least 40 clock hours of direct service with actual clients that contributes to the development of counseling skills.
- H. Practicum students have weekly interaction with supervisors that averages one hour per week of individual and/or triadic supervision throughout the practicum by (1) a counselor education program faculty member, (2) a student supervisor who is under the supervision of a counselor education program faculty member, or (3) a site supervisor who is working in consultation on a regular schedule with a counselor education program faculty member in accordance with the supervision agreement.
- I. Practicum students participate in an average of 1 ½ hours per week of group supervision on a regular schedule throughout the practicum. Group supervision must be provided by a counselor education program faculty member or a student supervisor who is under the supervision of a counselor education program faculty member.

In addition to the professional practice standards described above, these Internships incorporate the CACREP Professional Counseling Identity standards and the Entry-Level Specialty Areas standards for School Counseling & Mental Health Counseling. Please see the Syllabus Addendum for delineation of these standards.

**V. Student Learning Outcomes**

The programmatic student learning outcomes for this course are as follows:

1. Practices and refines counseling skills with clients experiencing personal, social, academic, and career concerns
2. Demonstrates the ability to apply and adhere to ethical and legal standards in counseling
3. Demonstrates self-awareness, sensitivity to others, and the skills needed to relate to diverse individuals and groups

4. Designs and implements prevention and intervention plans related to health and wellness, atypical growth and development, language, ability levels, and multicultural issues from a strengths-based perspective
5. Engage in the processes of supervision, consultation, and collaboration
6. Selects assessment strategies appropriate to the setting and client needs
7. Display the necessary techniques for accurate and competent record-keeping in a professional situation relevant to the practicum site
8. Evaluate personal philosophical and theoretical basis for counseling
9. Engage in self-exploration and self-evaluation congruent with the student's level of professional development
10. Design, implement, and evaluate programs for clients

## VI. Instructional Methods and Minimum Technical Skills

Instructional methods for this course include:

Clinical experience, including on-the-job training, simulations, video exercises, and case studies

Group Discussion

Demonstrations Research activities

Supervision – individual/triadic and group

Certain minimum technical skills are required for students in a fully online program. These include accessing and navigating TruView (<https://truview.truman.edu>), proficiency with university email (accessed through TruView or <http://gmail.com>), accessing material and submitting assignments via Blackboard (<http://blackboard.truman.edu>), word processing abilities (e.g., use of Microsoft Word)

## Course Content

### VII. Required Texts, Related Readings, and Materials/Supplies

#### Required

American Psychological Association. (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Author.

American Psychiatric Association (2022). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, text revision Dsm 5 tr* (5th ed). Author.

#### AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

Jongsma, A.E., Peterson, L.M., McInnis, W.P & Bruce, T.J. (2014). *The Child Psychotherapy Treatment Planner*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley. ISBN: 978-1118067857

Jongsma, A.E., Peterson, L.M., McInnis, W.P & Bruce, T.J. (2014). *The Adolescent Psychotherapy Treatment Planner*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley. ISBN: 978-1-118-06784-0

Jongsma, A.E., Peterson, L.M., McInnis, W.P & Bruce, T.J. (2021). *The complete adult psychotherapy treatment planner*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Wiley. (ISBN: 978-1-119-62993-1).

#### Minimum Technology Requirements

Brightspace and Zoom are two programs used in this course. To determine the minimum technology requirements for these pieces of software, please see

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements> and

[https://support.zoom.com/hc/en/article?id=zm\\_kb&sysparm\\_article=KB0060748](https://support.zoom.com/hc/en/article?id=zm_kb&sysparm_article=KB0060748), , respectively.

Truman's Information Technology Services also has minimum requirements found at <https://its.truman.edu/docs/bringing-a-computer-to-truman/>.

To access the VPN, please go to <https://secure.truman.edu/its-s/vpn/login2.asp?page=/its-s/vpn/index.asp>. To access the remote desktop, please go to <https://view.truman.edu/>. Both systems use the same login and password as other Truman systems.

Because this is an online course, the following is **required**:

- TSU Zoom account
- reliable internet access
- noise cancelling headphones
- microphone
- webcam
- private confidential setting

**Bookstore Website:** <https://truman.bncollege.com/>

**Truman Library Website:** <http://library.truman.edu>

NOTE: A student is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

### VIII. Course Requirements and Grading

Cumulative course evaluation is based on a 100-point scale. The total number of points earned will determine the semester grade.

90 - 100 points = A

80 - 89 points = B

70 - 79 points = C

60 - 69 points = D

Below 60 points = F

#### Assignment Summary Chart

Assignment	Weight Value	Due Date
Observation & Recordings (20% ea)	60 %	As assigned
Case Study Conceptualization	20 %	As assigned
Logs, Summary, & Record of Hours	10%	Weekly
Final Evaluations	10 %	Week 14 & 15

## **Detailed Descriptions**

### **A. Attendance and Engagement**

Learning in this course is based on interaction and participation. CACREP and other licensing entities specify minimum clock-hour requirements in terms of individual supervision and group supervision (class); direct client contact hours; and total hours accrued, and these must be met to earn a passing grade in the course.

Students are required to attend class as scheduled. Participation is required. Promptness is expected, as well as staying for the entire class (e.g., child care should be provided for young children, other electronic distractors should be turned off, family members should not be in the same room, etc.). Setting for virtual group supervision must be a confidential setting. Participation in this group supervision is required to obtain credit for the clinical hours collected. Failure to be present for group supervision/class may result in loss of clinical hours.

Participating includes attending class/group supervision which meets weekly for 1.5 hours. It will provide appropriate & supportive comments and feedback to discussions, readiness to present cases & recorded sessions as assigned, and presentation of prepared documents & logs as required. These activities involve some level of self-disclosure. A level of trust and openness is needed as a part of the learning process, and it is important that confidentiality be maintained. If you wish to share with others outside the class, discuss only your own reactions or experience. **These are ethical issues.**

Students are expected to bring successes, concerns, and questions related to their work with clients, other on-site activities, and broader development as a counselor. Weekly topics will vary to meet the dynamic individual and collective needs of the students. Examples of topics include approaches to working with students; ethical codes, board policies, and relevant law; factors associated with and advocacy for diverse populations; student empowerment; appropriate engagement with stakeholders, including parents, teachers, administrators, and the community; program development and evaluation; counselor self-care and ongoing professional development; and the use of technology in counseling.

When on site, students are expected to participate in all aspects of the site's counseling program, as if a regular employee. This includes, but is not limited to, client contact, staff meetings, program development and evaluation, and record-keeping.

### **B. Observations & Recordings (ea @ 20% = 60%)**

Students are required to obtain a minimum of three recorded or live observations during this semester. Each of these three sessions must be 20 – 45 minutes in length. Recordings must be shared with instructor for evaluation. As well, site supervisor may have access to these to contribute to their evaluation of graduate counseling student. There will be opportunities to discuss the goals and expectations prior to observations. Feedback will be provided following each of these. These discussions will include areas of strengths and areas for growth. The **first** observation may be psychoeducation, small group counselling, or individual client. The remaining **two** should be work with individuals. Additional requirements of these observations include appropriate use of required paperwork as noted in discussion of assignment and rubric. All three observations are required to pass this course.

School counseling site supervisors are required by DESE of Missouri to observe your work every three weeks.

#1 Observation – individual client

#2 Observation – individual client

#3 Observation – individual client

#### ITEMS FOR SUBMISSION

- Signed consent form
- Case notes
- Site supervisor evaluation
  - CCSR for mental health student

	Not Present	Novice	Competent	Proficient
<b>Logistics: setting, length of session</b> 10%	Absent	Logistics not fitting to identified session, reconsideration of details needed; setting not appropriate for counseling	Somewhat appropriate logistic for identified session, some details needing change	Thoroughly appropriate logistic for identified session
<b>Documents: Consent, case notes, and/or treatment plan</b> 15%	Absent	More content/details/signatures needed for required documents. Case notes or treatment plan not included.	Relevant content/details, some significant details need to be developed. Notes and/or treatment plan present, more development needed.	Thorough and complete content/details /signatures. Notes and/or treatment plan well developed
<b>Intro to session: Role/goal, reason, confidentiality, limits</b> 30%	Absent	Vague and unclear explanation stated	Relevant statements given, some significant details needed to be clarified	Thorough and clear statements of each of component. Goal/ reason for session clearly stated.
<b>Appropriate approach, skills, &amp; intervention. Theory application</b> 35%	Absent	Little attention & thought given to client needs and developmental level. More skill development required.	Some attention & thought given to client needs and developmental level, reconsiderations needed. Good basic skills applied. Some evidence of theory application present.	Attention & thought given to client needs and developmental level. Some advanced skills applied or enlarging the meaning of content. Clear evidence of theory application.
<b>MEES Overall Score</b> <b>OR</b> <b>CCSR Overall Score</b> 10%	0 - .9 Below 56	1 - 1.9 57 - 88	2 - 2.9 89 - 102	3 - 4 103 - 115

#### D. Case Study Conceptualization (20%)

Each student will have the opportunity to present one full case study, orally. This case will be based on **third** counseling sessions observed. This works best with a client with whom you have had at least three sessions if possible. Presentation should include:

**Case Presentation** to class in should include:

1. **Pertinent Elements** of the client, presenting concerns, and background information. The client's full name should **not** be used. Much of this information may be drawn from intake forms, history as reported by family, teachers, and others involved in client's system, and assessment information both formal and informal.
  - a. **Social and Cultural Factors** should be included. Consider elements of the client's social and cultural background that may have influenced their symptoms or presentation.
2. **Provisional Diagnosis & Clinical Hypothesis** must include any DSM diagnosis or ideas of what should be ruled out. Rationale for selected diagnosis
3. **Theoretical Orientation.** A justify for the use of a specific theoretical orientation, such as Adlerian, systems, cognitive, behavioral, and solution-focused. Your theory and interventions should directly address the client's potential diagnosis as well as client's needs, issue, and diversity.
  - a. **Initial Interventions** should match and complement your theoretical approach.

4. **Transference and Countertransference** may not be readily apparent but should be considered. Transference will examine ways the client may respond to you, the counselor, based on your appearance or presentation. Countertransference is directed on your personal history or experience and can include emotional response and values.
5. **Legal and Ethical Issues** should always be considered. Review the case for major issues may include limits of confidentiality, dual relationships, minor clients, parents, etc.
6. **Consultation and Referrals** are regularly required with counseling. This is especially true for graduate counseling students. It is important to have at least three individuals to consult with. As well, clients often need referrals for a higher level of care, three or more is recommended.
7. **Treatment Plan Worksheet** should be thoroughly completed to address potential diagnosis and/or issue. Goals for treatment should be included. Utilization of *Treatment Planner* is strongly recommended. Students should not generate their own treatment plan without a reliable source, must not be self generate.
8. **Full Transcript of Session w Personal comments of observations of counseling work.** Comments should include at least 3 segments were theatrical orientation or strategies and techniques reflective of theory and 3 segments of things to do differently. Oral report of resources used. (These selections should be drawn from full transcript)

	Not Present	Novice	Competent	Proficient
Pertinent Elements of the client, presenting concerns, and background information. Social and Cultural Factors <b>15%</b>	Absent	Only one of the two principal criteria addressed, under developed, incomplete concepts	Both criteria addressed and covered. Ideas developed, more details needed.	All criteria addressed and covered. Criteria fully developed, all details clearly evident
Provisional Diagnosis & Clinical Hypothesis <b>12%</b>	Absent	One or two criteria addressed and covered; yet brief & under developed.	Both criteria addressed and covered. Ideas developed, more details needed. Codes and diagnostic criteria not included.	All criteria addressed and covered. Concepts fully developed. Codes and diagnostic criteria included.
Theoretical Orientation including rationale & interventions <b>13%</b>	Absent	One or two criteria addressed and covered; yet brief & under developed.	Both principles criteria addressed and covered. Ideas developed, more details needed. Rationale vague and brief. Lack of description of theory	All criteria addressed and covered. Concepts fully developed. x Rationale for selection clearly stated. Unique elements of theory and interventions described.
Transference and Countertransference considerations <b>10%</b>	Absent	Only one criterion addressed and covered; yet brief & under developed.	Both criteria addressed and covered. Ideas developed, more details needed.	All criteria addressed and covered. Concepts fully developed.
Legal & Ethical considerations pertain to this client w details <b>10%</b>	Absent	Only one of the two principle criteria addressed, under developed, incomplete concepts.	Both criteria addressed and covered. Ideas developed, more details needed.	All criteria addressed and covered. Concepts fully developed.
Consultation & Referrals; three for each w contact details <b>10%</b>	Absent	Only one consultant listed and/or only one referral provided.	Both principles criteria addressed and covered. Ideas developed; at least 2 consultants and at least 2 referrals.	All principle criteria addressed and covered; 3 consultations and 3 referrals. Concepts fully developed.
Treatment Plan Worksheet completed in full <b>10%</b>	Absent	One or two criteria addressed and covered; yet brief & under developed.	Two criteria addressed and covered. Ideas developed, more details needed.	All criteria addressed and covered. Concepts fully developed.
Full Transcript of Session w Personal comments of observations of counseling work. Three of theoretical	Absent	Missing portions of transcript, illegible, or disorganized. Identifications	Much of transcript was provided, some portions incomplete. Identifications	All of the transcript was provided. Identifications of the three principle criteria described.



application and 3 things to do differently 15%		of only one of each of the principle criteria described.	of at least two principle criteria described.	
Organization of material and content. APA style with construction of writing. 5%		Poorly organized, incomplete sentence structure, poor grammar w errors, etc.	Fairly well organized, some sentence structure, some grammar errors	Well organized, APA format of sentence structure and grammar.

### E. Weekly Logs (10%)

Weekly Log of accrued practicum hours with signature of Clinical Site Supervisor will be submitted to assigned location in Blackboard. These must be submitted in Word or PDF format. Only the assignment week is submitted at time due (rather than the complete log). These are due weekly on Blackboard beginning week two. See table below for minimum hours expected.

#### Minimum Clock Hour Expectations

Type of Activity	Minimum Requirement
Direct contact hours	40 hours
Total direct and indirect contact hours	100 hours
Individual supervision by on-site supervisor	1 hour per week (15 hours minimum)
Individual supervision by university supervisor	1 hour per week (12 hours minimum)
Group supervision by university supervisor	1.5 hours per week (22.5 hours minimum)

	Not Present	Novice	Competent	Proficient
Log submitted at or before required date & time 25%	Absent	Submitted more than one week after required date	Submitted during the week of required date	Submitted on or before required date & time
Required signature/s & by designated supervisor 25%	Absent		Second submission with designated supervisor signature	Signature/s by designated supervisor
Data / hours is correctly reported 50%	Totally erroneous data OR wrong log week, must be reviewed, corrected, and resubmitted	Many errors with data / hours, must be reviewed, corrected, and resubmitted	Some errors with data / hours, corrections needed and resubmitted	Data / hours is correctly reported

### F. Evaluations & Forms (10%)

There are several evaluations required for each semester. This includes five in total.

- Emergency / Crisis Management Plan
- CCS-R (2)
  - Site Supervisor Evaluation
  - Student Self Evaluation
- Site Supervisor's Evaluation of Counseling Program
- Student's Evaluation of Clinical Experience

#### CCS-R

Assessment of skills and components is considered throughout the semester. A final evaluation will be conducted near the end of semester by the site supervisor, student, and course instructor. The *Counselor Competency Scale Revised (CCS-R)* will be completed and submitted by each of these individuals.

	Not Present	Novice	Competent	Proficient
<b>All pages included; submission compliant with schedule</b> 20%	Absent	Submission more than beyond the acceptable scheduled time	Missing pages, submission pass scheduled date/time.	All / full criteria addressed and covered. All pages submitted, in order, easy to read. On time submission.
<b>All required information clearly and completely provided</b> 30%	Absent	Some criteria addressed and covered; yet brief & under developed. Many responses blank or narrative missing	Criteria addressed and covered. A few missing items or responses, more details needed in narrative	All criteria addressed and covered. Completed & fully developed narrative
<b>All required signatures included &amp; dated</b> 20%	Absent	Missing signatures and dates	Missing one signature and/or dates	All signatures and dates included
<b>Overall CCSR Scoring</b> 30%	Below 56	88 - 57	102 - 89	115 - 103

### Other Evaluations & Forms

Additional evaluations and forms are required to provide data for program and instructor evaluation.

- Emergency / Crisis Management Plan
- Student Evaluation of Clinical Experience
- Site Supervisor Evaluation of Counseling Program

	Not Present	Novice	Competent
<b>All pages included, submitted at assigned time</b> 25%	Absent	Missing pages, late submission	All criteria addressed. All pages submitted, accessible, and visible. Submitted as scheduled
<b>All required information clearly and completely provided</b> 40%	Most portions left blank	Most required information addressed, not clear, not complete, missing narrative	All criteria addressed and covered. Completed & fully developed. Narrative included.
<b>All required signatures included &amp; dated</b> 25%	Absent	Missing more than one signature and/or dates	All signatures and dates included

## IX. Topical Outline and Tentative Schedule

DATE	TOPIC
Week 1 AUG 19 – 25  AUG 21	<b>DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syllabus</li> <li>• Course Overview</li> <li>• Textbook &amp; Materials</li> <li>• Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Site supervisor</li> <li>○ State licensure Rules</li> <li>○ University Supervisor (individual)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Design, Assignments, &amp; Feedback</li> <li>• Questions and thoughts</li> <li>• Log Wk 1 (&amp; zero as applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>DUE Week Two by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Week 2 AUG 26 – SEPT 1</p> <p><b>AUG 28</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observations/Counseling Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consent Forms</li> <li>○ Theoretical Orientation</li> <li>○ Goal Setting &amp; Planning</li> <li>○ Case Notes</li> <li>○ Treatment Planner &amp; DMS 5</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 2</li> <li>• Form - Emergency / Crisis Plan</li> </ul>
<p>Week 3 SEPT 3 – 8</p> <p><b>SEPT 4</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Sites w photos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sites Information and details</li> <li>○ Demographics of clients</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Preparation &amp; discussion of Observation #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CCSR</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 3</li> </ul>
<p>Week 4 SEPT 9 – 15</p> <p><b>SEPT 11</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #1 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 4</li> <li>• # 1 Observation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>DUE SEPT 10 thru OCT 1</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Week 5 SEPT 16 – 22</p> <p><b>SEPT 18</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #1 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 5</li> </ul>
<p>Week 6 SEPT 23 – 29</p> <p><b>SEPT 25</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #1 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 6</li> </ul>
<p>Week 7 SEPT 30 - OCT 6</p> <p><b>OCT 2</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #1 feedback and comments</li> <li>• Preparation &amp; discussion of observation #2</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 7</li> </ul>
<p>Week 8 OCT</p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p>

<p>7 – 9</p> <p><b>OCT 9</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #2 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 8</li> <li>• #2 Observation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>DUE OCT 8 thru OCT 29</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Week 9 OCT 14 – 20</p> <p><b>OCT 16</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #2 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 8</li> </ul>
<p>Week 10 OCT 21 – 27</p> <p><b>OCT 23</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #2 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 10</li> </ul>
<p>Week 11 OCT 27 - NOV 3</p> <p><b>OCT 30</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Observation #2 feedback and comments</li> <li>• Case Studies Review &amp; Preparation for Observation 3</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 11</li> </ul>
<p>Week 12 NOV 4 – 10</p> <p><b>NOV 6</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Case Studies Review &amp; Preparation for Observation 3</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 12</li> </ul>
<p>Week 13 NOV 12 – 17</p> <p><b>NOV 13</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Case Study Presentation and Observation #3 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 13</li> <li>• Case Study Presentation &amp; #3 Observation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>DUE NOV12 thru DEC 3</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Week 14 NOV 18 - 24</p> <p><b>NOV 20</b></p>	<p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Case Study Presentation and Observation #3 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <p><b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 14</li> <li>• Evaluation: Site Supervisor CCSR</li> <li>• Evaluation: Student’s Self Evaluation CCSR</li> </ul>

Nov 25 – 29 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i>	
Week 15 DEC 1 – 8  <b>DEC 4</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Case Study Presentation and Observation #3 feedback and comments</li> </ul> <b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 15 (add Thanksgiving Week as needed)</li> <li>• Evaluation – Student Evaluation of Clinical Experience</li> <li>• Evaluation – Site Supervisor Evaluation of TSU Program</li> </ul>
FINAL DEC 9 – 13  <b>DEC 11</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflections</li> <li>• Group Termination</li> </ul> <b>DUE by Tuesday 11:55pm central time</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log Wk 16</li> <li>• Final Summary Logs &amp; Record of Hours</li> </ul>

#### X. Important Dates for [Fall 2024](#)

##### [Academic Calendar](#)

First day of term: August 19

Drop dates:

- Last day to **drop without** \$50 Add/Drop Fee: August 23
- Last day to **drop** a course without a W: September 12
- Last day to **drop** a course with a W: December 6
- Last day to **withdraw from all** classes: December 6

Thanksgiving Break: Nov 25 - 29

Last day of term: Dec 13

Students are responsible to confirm these dates with registrar's office.

## Policies

### XI. Course Policies

#### A. Attendance

Logging in to our class does not constitute attendance. It should be evident that you are actively participating in assignments and activities. Regular attendance is expected. For the purposes of online asynchronous courses, a student will be considered to be in attendance in an online class when the individual 1) participates in online discussions or activities about academic matters; or 2) initiates contact with faculty to ask questions about subject studies; or 3) completes assignments; or 4) takes tests. Please contact your instructor if you need to miss.

Truman policy and federal regulations require that students demonstrate that they are academically engaged in the courses they take. You must meet this requirement within the first calendar week of the semester, **beginning at 12:00 am on Monday** and ending 11:59 pm Saturday. Failure to do so, or to provide an explanation of an extenuating circumstance by that date and time will result in your removal from the course. Under certain circumstances, removal could impact your scholarship eligibility or financial aid. For the purposes of this class, establishing academic engagement requires, at a minimum, **Weekly Meeting on Wednesday August 21st @ 8pm CST.**

#### B. Late Work

All assignments are due according to the timeline established by the syllabus unless otherwise noted by the instructor. The maximum number of points awarded will decrease by ten percent for each business day that the assignment is late. Assignments will be accepted up to two days late. In face-to-face and synchronous courses, this policy includes in-class quizzes and exams; if you must miss on test day, schedule an appointment to take the exam the next day. Please note that certain assignments such as quizzes, journals, and the final exam may not be attempted aside from the initial offering.

#### C. Proctoring

All students must review the syllabus and the requirements including the online terms and video testing requirements to determine if they wish to remain in the course. Enrollment in the course is an agreement to abide by and accept all terms. Any student may elect to drop or withdraw from this course before the end of the drop/add period (which for summer, is Day 1 of the session).

Online exams and quizzes within this course may require online proctoring. Therefore, students will be required to have a webcam (external or built-in) with a microphone when taking an exam or quiz. Students understand that this remote recording device is purchased and controlled by the student and that students should select private spaces for the testing. Students with concerns may discuss the location of an appropriate space for the recordings with their instructor or advisor.

There is a fee that will be charged to you the student at the time of the proctored exam. That fee may be up to \$10 per exam. (Discounts may occasionally be in effect and are not under the control of Truman). Because this course will have <<insert number of proctored exams you plan for>>three (3) proctored exams, you are encouraged to choose the “course fee” model instead of the “individual test fee” model as you pay for the first exam. You will be charged a bundle price equal to two individual exams. Subsequent exams will then be conducted at no additional charge to you. If you choose the individual test fee option, you will be charged each time you take a proctored test.

Proctored exam information will be provided prior to any proctored exam. Be aware you must use Google Chrome to take the exam, install the Proctorio Chrome browser extension (from [getproctorio.com](https://getproctorio.com)), and show an official photo identification (ID). You can use either a valid driver’s license, passport, or school ID.

For additional information about online proctoring, students may visit the [Proctorio Support for Students](#) website.

#### **D. Response Times and Feedback**

General circumstances, I will respond to emails and phone calls within 24 to 48 hours. When sending email or leaving phone message it is important to identify your name, course, and best contact information. Keep in mind if there is a question about an upcoming assignment, emails and/or phone calls should be made with the response time in mind. I would discourage you from reaching out the same evening the assignment is due as the response will likely come after the due date or time.

Regular weekly assignments such as quizzes, journals, and discussions will be graded each week. Major assignments typically take two weeks.

#### **E. Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence**

The use of generative AI tools, such as ChatGPT or Microsoft Copilot, will be permitted on specific learning activities or assignments in this course, as the instructor specifies as appropriate. Students using generative AI must clearly report the specific use, including the particular model, platform, and prompts, as well as use appropriate citations. Assignments and learning activities in which AI use is not permitted must be produced without the assistance of generative AI. A student who does not cite their GenAI usage will be considered to have committed academic dishonesty and will be subject to the consequences outlined in the syllabus and/or campus policies. **When in doubt, a student is expected to ask the instructor about the policy on a particular assignment**

### **XII. Counseling Program Policies**

#### **F. Student Diversity and Confidentiality**

The courses in this program are not always lecture courses. Rather, the program is sometimes reliant upon interactions, and these may bring differing perspectives to light. As a class, we may not agree on all the issues or come to a single understanding on any subject. There are, however, key elements of the material that we, as a faculty preparing professional counselors, will expect you to be able to explain and hold a conversation about—even if, as individuals, we hold differing and/or contradictory opinions about that element/issue. In that vein, everyone is expected to think about the role of oppression, power, and privilege, as well as their own assumptions surrounding issues of sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism, ageism, genderism, and other forces of inequality/oppression that may be discussed throughout the program and individual courses. It is crucial that we all remain respectful, considerate, and willing to hear each other's opinions, thoughts, and feelings while maintaining awareness of the systems of oppression/privilege that may be influencing our experiences and beliefs. It is also crucial that we cultivate an atmosphere of safety wherein people can give and receive feedback on how they were heard/perceived or how the dynamics of power and privilege are at work in the classroom, with clients, and during supervision. It is also important that we keep in mind how our beliefs may be related to or in conflict with the codes of ethics and values of the profession of counseling. Finally, we occasionally deal with very personal and sensitive matters. Please show respect for your classmates by keeping confidential any personal information revealed during class time or supervision. If you are concerned about the welfare of a classmate, please contact a faculty member immediately.

#### **G. Attendance**

Regular attendance is expected and required for this course. For the purposes of online asynchronous courses, a student will be considered to be in attendance in an online class when the individual 1) participates in online discussions or activities about academic matters; or 2) initiates contact with faculty to ask questions about subject studies; or 3) completes assignments; or 4) takes tests. Logging into an online course without active participation does not constitute attendance. Please contact your instructor if you need to miss.

By default, University policy allows a student to miss 1/16th of class meetings for **sanctioned** purposes. This translates into a single class for most long-semester graduate courses. The full list of sanctioned purposes is

in the University policy (<https://policies.truman.edu/policylibrary/attendance-policy/>) but includes “health related absences for which valid documentation is presented” and “absences covered by Truman’s non-discrimination policy (e.g. special religious observances, military commitments).” Absences related to accommodations will be handled in conjunction with appropriate University offices. Individual instructors may set course consequences for additional absences and for unsanctioned absences.

Students should notify instructors of an anticipated absence **in writing** both during the free add/drop period and prior to the actual absence. Students should notify instructors of an unanticipated absence **in writing** as early as possible. Absent students remain responsible for meeting the assignment deadlines stated in the syllabus and should work with the instructor to complete any in-class exercises “within a reasonable length of time”. Please note that accreditation expectations, particularly

#### H. Netiquette, Civil Dialog, and Professional Communication

Greenidge (2016) provides recommended rules of etiquette for online communications (netiquette). Among the recommendations for written communication such as emails and discussion posts:

- respect others and the opinions of others
  - be polite
  - refrain from writing in ALL UPPERCASE, as this conveys dissatisfaction and anger
  - revise before submitting to ensure clear communication
  - avoid acronyms, internet lingo, and text speak (e.g., BTW, idk, l&r) to reduce confusion
  - write concisely and clearly, using short paragraphs to increase readability
  - identify sources
  - contribute substantial responses
  - attend to language, since readers lack the benefit of nonverbal cues; clarify when needed, and pause before responding, if another’s communication comes across as insensitive or offensive
- Greenidge, W. (2016). Interacting productively with faculty and peers. In C. J. Sheperis & R. J. Davis (Eds.), *Online counselor education: A guide for students* (1st ed., pp. 129-150). Sage.

#### I. Academic Honesty

Students are expected to exhibit honesty in their academic and professional work. Examples include proper attribution of sources, accurate reporting of clinical hours attained and research results, avoiding misrepresentation, and seeking instructor permission before reusing work submitted for another class, collaborating on assignments, or disclosing test contents. Students are also expected adhere to the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics.

#### E. Informed Consent Statement for Counseling Courses

Faculty members are dedicated to the educational, personal, and professional growth and development of our students. Faculty members are in a unique position as both instructors who assess students’ academic skills and members of the counseling profession with an ethical obligation to the profession, clients, and the public at large. In both of these roles, it is the faculty’s responsibility to evaluate student competencies within the realm of professional counseling and to address any concerns regarding students’ professional competence. As such please be aware of the following:

- The counseling profession encourages counselors to fully integrate their own personal attributes and identity, as well as their strengths and weaknesses, into therapeutic processes. Therefore, self-awareness is critical because this knowledge relates to being an effective counselor.
- There will be an emphasis in many courses on self-awareness/exploration, as well as giving feedback to peers. Although uncomfortable at times, we encourage students to be open to self-exploration, since we frequently ask clients to do so.
- At times, class may include experiential and self-awareness exercises. It is important to distinguish between sharing one’s emotional reactions to such experiential class activities and revealing information about one’s personal history. Self-disclosure of personal history is not required in order to



successfully pass any course; however, students may be expected to share their reactions to experiential activities.

- Self-disclosures will not be used as a basis for grading in any course. However, should a student disclose information indicating impairment or the potential for harm to clients, the faculty member may take appropriate action in accordance with the American Counseling Association's Code of Ethics (2014).
- Students often experience personal growth as they progress through the program. However, the courses are not meant to be a means of personal therapy. The focus in classes is on self-awareness and the enhancement and growth of necessary counselor skills.
- Please be aware that, although all instructors strive to create a safe environment for any personal disclosures, we cannot guarantee that other students will maintain the confidentiality of any such disclosures that are made.
- It is each student's responsibility to determine an appropriate level of self-disclosure (i.e. the content and depth of personal information that you share) in experiential learning activities.
- Students are expected to adhere to the American Counseling Association's Code of Ethics (2014) in classwork and interactions with clients, classmates, colleagues, supervisors, and faculty.

#### **J. Counseling Program Evaluation, Retention, Remediation, and Dismissal Policy**

Faculty, training staff, supervisors, and administrators of the Counseling program at Truman State University have a professional, ethical, and potentially legal obligation to: (a) establish criteria and methods through which aspects of competence other than, and in addition to, a student-trainee's knowledge or skills may be assessed (including, but not limited to, emotional stability and well-being, interpersonal skills, professional development, and personal fitness for practice); and, (b) ensure, insofar as possible, that the student-trainees who complete our programs are competent to manage future relationships (e.g., client, collegial, professional, public, scholarly, supervisory, teaching) in an effective and appropriate manner. Because of this commitment, and within the parameters of our administrative authority, our faculty, training staff, supervisors, and administrators strive not to advance, recommend, or graduate students or trainees with demonstrable problems (e.g., cognitive, emotional, psychological, interpersonal, technical, and ethical) that may interfere with professional competence to other programs, the profession, employers, or the public at large.

As such, within a developmental framework, and with due regard for the inherent power difference between students and faculty, students and trainees should know that the faculty, training staff, and supervisors of our programs will evaluate their competence in areas other than, and in addition to, coursework, seminars, scholarship, or related program requirements. These evaluative areas include, but are not limited to, demonstration of sufficient: (a) interpersonal and professional competence (e.g., the ways in which student trainees relate to clients, peers, faculty, allied professionals, the public, and individuals from diverse backgrounds or histories); (b) self-awareness, self-reflection, and self-evaluation (e.g., knowledge of the content and potential impact of one's own beliefs and values on clients, peers, faculty, allied professionals, the public, and individuals from diverse backgrounds or histories); (c) openness to processes of supervision (e.g., the ability and willingness to explore issues that either interfere with the appropriate provision of care or impede professional development or functioning); and (d) resolution of issues or problems that interfere with professional development or functioning in a satisfactory manner (e.g., by responding constructively to feedback from supervisors or program faculty; by the successful completion of remediation plans; by participating in personal counseling/therapy in order to resolve issues or problems). [Slightly modified from The University of Texas at Tyler version of the Comprehensive

Evaluation of Student-Trainee Competence in Professional Psychology Programs statement developed by the Student Competence Task Force of the APA Council of Chairs of Training Councils (CCTC), (<http://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/cctc.html>), approved March 25, 2004.

#### Evaluating student fitness and performance

Members of the faculty, using professional judgment, continuously evaluate each student's fitness and performance. Students receive information related to their fitness and performance from faculty members, their advisors, and their supervisors. The criteria used by the faculty to make such judgments include instructor's observations of course performance, evaluations of students' performances in simulated practice situations, supervisors' evaluations of students' performances, and the American Counseling Association's Code of Ethics (2014). Students are formally evaluated at least annually by the program faculty.

Students who are not making satisfactory progress or who are not meeting program standards should consider withdrawing from the program. In this context, the term "unsatisfactory progress in the program" refers to an academic judgment made regarding the student's fitness and performance. It is a determination that the student has failed to meet academic, ethical, and/or professional standards.

#### Minimum grade requirements

All Truman State University graduate programs, including Counseling, have minimum grade requirements related to continued enrollment, academic probation, academic suspension, and graduation. These include an expectation of an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher; the ability to retake one (1) course in which a grade of "C", "D", or "F" was earned; and all grades earned at Truman counting in GPA calculations, whether repeated or not (Please see the 2024-2025 Catalog (<http://catalog.truman.edu/content.php?catoid=25&navoid=1526>) for additional information). In addition, certain courses, including Practicum and Internship, require minimum grades in specific preceding courses.

Regardless of GPA, no more than 2 grades of "C" may count toward degree requirements. No grade below "C" may count. Please note that some states require grades of "B" or better in every class for applicants to be licensed.

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[http://catalog.truman.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=25&poid=5203&returnto=1509](http://catalog.truman.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=25&poid=5203&returnto=1509);

[http://catalog.truman.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=25&poid=5237&returnto=1509](http://catalog.truman.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=25&poid=5237&returnto=1509);

[http://catalog.truman.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=25&poid=5099&returnto=1509](http://catalog.truman.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=25&poid=5099&returnto=1509))

### **XIII. University Policies**

#### **A. Attendance**

The University-wide attendance policy can be viewed at

<http://catalog.truman.edu/content.php?catoid=25&navoid=1518> - [Attendance\\_Policy](#)

#### **B. Substantive Engagement**

Truman policy and federal regulations require that students demonstrate that they are academically engaged in the courses they take. You are required to meet this requirement within the first calendar week of the semester, beginning at 12:00 am on Monday and ending 11:59 pm Saturday. **Failure to do so**, or to provide an explanation of an extenuating circumstance by that date and time **will result in your removal from the course**. Under certain circumstances, removal could impact your scholarship eligibility or financial aid. For the purposes of this class, establishing academic engagement requires, at a minimum,

#### **C. Emergency Procedures**

In each classroom on campus, there is a poster of emergency procedures explaining best practices in the event of an active shooter/hostile intruder, fire, severe weather, bomb threat, power outage, and medical

emergency. This poster is also available as a PDF at this link:

<http://police.truman.edu/files/2015/12/Emergency-Procedures.pdf>.

Students should be aware of the classroom environment and note the exits for the room and building. For more detailed information about emergency procedures, please consult the Emergency Guide for Academic Buildings, available at the QR code shown or at the following link:

<http://police.truman.edu/emergency-procedures/academic-buildings/>.



This six-minute video provides some basic information on how to react in the event there is an active shooter in your location: <http://police.truman.edu/emergency-procedures/active-shooter/active-shooter-preparedness-video/>.

Truman students, faculty, and staff can sign up for the TruAlert emergency text messaging service via TruView. TruAlert sends a text message to all enrolled cell phones in the event of an emergency at the University. To register, sign in to TruView and click on the “Everyday Tools” link under “Tools”. Then click on “Truman Tab Tools”. Click on the registration link “Update Emergency Text Messaging Information”. During a campus emergency, information will also be posted on the TruAlert website <http://trualert.truman.edu/>.

#### **D. Discrimination and Title IX**

Truman State University, in compliance with applicable laws and recognizing its deeper commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion which enhances accessibility and promotes excellence in all aspects of the Truman Experience, does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, retaliation, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, or protected veteran status in its programs and activities, including employment, admissions, and educational programs and activities. Faculty and staff are considered “mandated reporters” and therefore are required to report potential violations of the University’s Anti-Discrimination Policies to the Institutional Compliance Officer.

Title IX prohibits sexual harassment, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking and retaliation. Truman State University encourages individuals who believe they may have been impacted by sexual or gender-based discrimination to consult with the Title IX Coordinator who is available to speak in depth about the resources and options. The Title IX Coordinator is here to help. This is a collaborative process that seeks to empower reporting parties so that they may safely and comfortably access the University and its programs and activities. Many common questions and concerns regarding the reporting process are addressed here: <https://titleix.truman.edu/frequently-asked-questions/>

For more information on discrimination or Title IX, or to file a complaint, contact:

Office of Institutional Compliance  
Violette Hall, Room 1308  
100 E. Normal Ave.  
Kirksville, MO 63501  
[titleix@truman.edu](mailto:titleix@truman.edu)

Reports can be submitted directly to the Institutional Compliance Office in person, via email, or via phone, or they can be submitted electronically at: <https://titleix.truman.edu/make-a-report/>

The University's Nondiscrimination Reporting and Resolution procedures can be viewed at: <https://titleix.truman.edu/complaint-reporting-resolution-procedure/> or <http://titleix.truman.edu/files/2015/08/University-Complaint-Reporting-Resolution-Procedure.pdf>.

#### **E. FERPA**

Education records are protected by the Family Education Right to Privacy Act (FERPA). As a result, course grades, assignments, advising records, etc. cannot be released to third parties without your permission. There are, however, several exceptions about which you should be aware. For example, education records can be disclosed to employees or offices at Truman who have an “educational need to know”. These employees and offices may include your academic advisor, the Institutional Compliance Officer, the Registrar's Office, or Student Affairs depending on the type of information. For more information about FERPA, see <http://www.truman.edu/registrar/ferpa/>.

#### **F. Academic Honesty**

Personal and scholarly integrity are expected of everyone in the class. Failure to live up to those responsibilities risks earning a failing grade on the assignment/examination, a failing grade for the course, and/or in serious cases expulsion for the academic program or University. The University policy on academic dishonesty as published in the Student Conduct Code and General/Graduate Catalog applies ([http://catalog.truman.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=801#Academic\\_Dishonesty](http://catalog.truman.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=801#Academic_Dishonesty))”

Please see <https://www.truman.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Academic-Integrity-Policy.pdf> for additional details.

#### **G. TurnItIn**

Truman State University subscribes to TurnItIn in Brightspace. Papers and essay exams written for this course will be submitted through TurnItIn to ensure Academic Integrity is maintained. Your submissions are shared with the University and Global database of TurnItIn whereby the content of your submissions will be compared to other future submissions.

#### **H. Statement on Disruptive Behavior**

“Behavior that persistently or flagrantly interferes with classroom activities is considered disruptive behavior and may be subject to disciplinary action. Such behavior inhibits other students’ ability to learn and instructor’s ability to teach. A student responsible for disruptive behavior may be asked to leave class pending discussion and resolution of the problem...” and may be reported to the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards. (*Quotation from Washington State University*).

## **Learner Support and Feedback to the University**

### **XIV. Resources**

The University provides a range of academic and student support services to ensure student success. These offices can advise on learning strategies, point toward valuable services, and help troubleshoot technical problems as they arise.

#### **A. Center for Academic Excellence**

[The Center for Academic Excellence](#) provides advising for students in their first year for most departments, as well as tutoring services. The Center is located in PML 109, and it may be reached at 660-785-7403.

#### **B. Counseling Services**

[Counseling Services](#) are available on campus at McKinney Center or online. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (660) 785-4014 or contacting [ucs@cmfcares.com](mailto:ucs@cmfcares.com). An after-hours crisis line is also available at 660-665-5621.

#### **C. IT Help Desk**

The [IT Service Center](#) has combined the IT Call Center, Help Desk, and Telephone Services into a one-stop location to serve you. You will find the following services and more when you stop by PML 203 or call 660-785-4544. You may submit a customer support ticket at <https://otrs.truman.edu/otrs/customer.pl>.

#### D. Office of Student Access and Disability Services

To obtain disability-related academic accommodations, students with documented disabilities must contact the course instructor and the Office of Student Access and Disability Services (OSA) as soon as possible. Truman complies with ADA requirements. For additional information, refer to the Office of Student Access and Disability Services website at <http://disabilityservices.truman.edu/>.

You may also contact OSA by phone at (660) 785-4478 or email at [studentaccess@truman.edu](mailto:studentaccess@truman.edu).

#### E. Writing Center

I encourage you to use the University's [Writing Center](#) for your writing projects. It is not a proofreading service. The writing consultants will read your work and give you feedback, letting you know what is working well (and why) and what might not be working so well (and why). They can help you understand and better your writing craft. They can also do brainstorming if you're having a hard time getting started. And they have an online scheduler, so making an appointment is easy. The Writing Center is located in PML 107.

#### F. Additional Resources for Students

A list of additional resources is available at <https://www.truman.edu/majors-programs/graduate-studies/online-orientation/campus-resources/>.

Information on the Counseling program can be accessed via the {Department Website} or the University Catalog (<http://catalog.truman.edu>).

### XV. Feedback

#### A. Student Survey of Instruction

You will be asked to complete a survey regarding my instruction in this course at the end of the term. The survey is anonymous and I will not see the results until after grades have been completed. It is very important that I receive this feedback as it helps me to continuously improve this class. It also helps the University make decisions about our overall curriculum. Please be sure to participate in this survey opportunity.

#### B. Other Important Contacts

Various offices that provide services to online students are identified at <https://online.truman.edu/truman-online/student-services> or [online.truman.edu](https://online.truman.edu). Should you need to consult with administrators that oversee this department and course, here is the contact information for those individuals:

#### Chair of Counseling:

Dr. Karl Witt  
660.785.5400  
[karlwitt@truman.edu](mailto:karlwitt@truman.edu)

#### Dean of School of Business & Professional Studies:

Dr. Rashmi Prasad  
Violette Hall 2400  
660.785.4346  
[rprasad@truman.edu](mailto:rprasad@truman.edu)

Hopefully, your experience with this class is positive. When and if you feel a complaint about this or another course is required, however, the procedure for lodging a complaint can be found on the University's [Report a Complaint](#) page. Students taking an online course from outside the state of Missouri should follow the complaint procedure [offered here](#). **Students are always asked to address their complaint to the professor of the course first when possible, then take their concerns to the Chair if the matter cannot be resolved with the faculty member.**