



Didactic Seminar Topics

Week 1

Introduction to clinical work in North Carolina

NC laws regarding child and elderly abuse and what is reportable

NC Tarasoff or lack thereof

NC statutes regarding informed consent & privilege of adolescent clients

Policies and procedures for reportable offences & suicidal clients

Week 2

Insurance and the authorization process

Review of CPT codes and units of testing

Types of services insurance is willing to authorize and cover

Billable vs. Not billable diagnoses

Differences amongst coverage between different insurance providers

CAF forms, self-pay agreements, pre-authorizations, & timely billing

Week 3

Intakes and testing with legal dependents

What do when there is a question of guardianship (children and adults)

Determining who is the legal guardian

Guardianship paperwork and what must be on file before appointment

Week 4

Introduction to the diversity of the Sandhills region of North Carolina

Discussion of the Lumbee Indian tribe

Working with rural populations

Discussion of the effects of SES on clinical practice

Multicultural awareness during intakes and testing appointments

Week 5

Introduction to working with military populations

Overview of the army hierarchy

Explanation of military jargon and abbreviations

Review of service connections

Questions to ask during intakes

Week 6

Clinical intakes with Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) individuals

How to query re: sensory difficulties, stereotyped behaviors, & social reciprocity

Questions to ask regarding developmental history and treatment history

Behavioral observations and what to look for during testing appointments

Week 7

Differential Diagnosis of ASD

Integration of Asperger's, Autism, and PDD NOS into a single spectrum

Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder

Comorbid disorders

Recommendations for ASD individuals

Week 8

Sensory difficulties and integration in ASD individuals

Week 9

Overview of major changes in DSM-5

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Week 11

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Week 12

No supervision due to Thanksgiving holiday

Week 13

Developmental differences in symptom presentation

Children vs. Adolescents vs. Adults

Week 14

How to develop, market, and run psychoeducation, process, and skills groups

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Week 16:

Working with foreign language and bilingual individuals

Minimizing the potential for exploitation

The use of translators and family language brokers in clinical practice

Selecting appropriate psychological tests

Bilingual language development & disorders

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Week 17

No supervision due to Christmas holiday

Week 18

No supervision due to Christmas/New Year's holiday

Week 19

Interpretation of the Woodcock-Johnson IV: Test of Cognitive Abilities

Week 20

Interpretation of the Woodcock-Johnson IV: Test of Achievement

Week 21

Interpretation of the ECAD

TONI, PPVT, EVT

ESL Battery

Week 22

Interpretation of Additional Cognitive and ADHD Tests

KABC-2

Connors' Continuous Performance Test

Week 23

Interpretation of Tests of Executive Functioning and Neuropsychology

D-KEFS and all subtests

RBANS

Week 24

Interpretation of Adaptive Functioning and Malingering

Vineland Scales of Adaptive Functioning

Independent Living Scale

Green's WMT

Test for Memory Malingering

Week 25

Test interpretation and report writing

ADOS-2

ASRS

Short Sensory Profile, 2nd Edition

Week 26

Interpretation of the MMPI-2 and MMPI-A

Week 27

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Week 28

Mid-Year Check-in

Week 28

Malingering vs. True Psychosis

- Review of potential secondary gains

- What to look for during intakes, testing appointments, and in testing data

- Review of how to interpret the Green's WMT/TOMM

Week 29

How to conduct fitness for duty evaluations and pre-employment screenings

- Differences between types of fitness for duty (i.e. military vs. law enforcement vs. general public)

- Measures used with fitness for duty and pre-employment screenings

Week 30

PTSD and active duty soldiers

- Conceptualization and treatment using CBT

Week 31

The effects of deployment and reintegration on the family system

Week 32

How to conduct bariatric evaluations

- Overview of the different types of bariatric surgical procedures

- How to determine if an individual will be a successful surgery candidate

- Questions to ask during the intake appointment

- Test selection

- How to write up test findings

Week 33

How to conduct other medical evaluations

- Pain evaluations

- Organ transplant evaluations

Week 34

Psychological confounds/correlates of chronic medical/physical disorders and symptoms

- Student presentations

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Week 38

Professional Issues: EPPP and Application for Licensure

Overview of licensure requirements for North Carolina
Examples of required paperwork (Forms, referrals, documentation of hours, etc.)
Overview of application to sit for the EPPP
Overview of EPPP exam and study tips

Week 39

Professional Issues: Dealing with Board and Ethics Complaints
Understanding the complaints against you
Procedures for responding to complaints
Organizing your defense

Week 40

Professional Issues: Defending Against Legal Complaints
Recognizing potential risks factors for legal complaints
Responding to a subpoena
Conditions for a malpractice claim

Week 41

Professional Issues: Managing your student loans
Overview of grace period terms
Differences between repayment plans
Loan consolidation

Week 42

Professional Issues: Managing your income as a psychologist
Taxable employees (W-2 vs. 10-99 vs. W-9)
Estimated Taxes
Potential tax write offs for mental health professionals

Week 43

Forensic evaluations: Criminal
How to read and comprehend different kinds of court orders
Determining who the client is, limits of confidentiality, & compensation
Determining competency to stand trial
Overview of NGRI (Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity) defenses

Week 44

Forensic evaluations: Civil & Tort
Review of typical types of civil cases
Determining who the client is, limits of confidentiality, & compensation
Determining Capacity (e.g., living independently, managing money, etc.)
Testifying in court

Week 45

Opening a private practice
Forming a company (PLLC, PC, LLC, etc.)
Selecting a location for your practice
Banking & managing overhead costs
Marketing your practice

Building a referral base

Week 46

Opening a private practice

- Developing a policy and procedures manual

- Developing relevant paperwork (Employee contracts, intake packets, ROIs, etc.)

- Selecting employees

- Determining and setting fees for services

- Billing (Out of house vs. In house)

Week 47

Opening a private practice

- Credentialing

- How to get paneled with insurance

- Liability and insurance

- How to deal with outstanding balances

Week 48

DBT theory and Skills

Week 49

Child and play therapy

Week 50

Developing behavioral plans for individuals living in group homes

Week 51

End of Year Review

Week 52

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****Please note that presentation dates and topics are subject to change based on presenter availability and students' training interests and objectives****