

**Divinity School of Chung Chi College
The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

**Hong Kong Christian Service
Support Service for Church**

**Programme: Undergraduate and Postgraduate
Course: Counselling and Family Ministry (THEO5947)
Academic Year: 2019-2020 (2nd Term)**

Course Description:

This course introduces students to a systemic perspective of marriage and family therapy. It will cover the basic theoretical framework and micro-skills in counselling families. The current trend of family problems in Hong Kong, different family theories and approaches, issues such as child abuse, battered spouse, mentally-ill and chronically-ill family member, death and loss, marital infidelity as well as separation divorce counselling will be included. It is hoped that students could obtain a clearer understanding of family dynamics and be able to formulate their clinical map, as well as integrate some of their micro-skills in working with families by the end of this course.

Course Objectives:

1. To raise student's sensitivity to new challenges and common family problems in Hong Kong.
2. To help students acquire an overall understanding of the theories and practice of marriage and family therapy.
3. To enable students to develop a systemic perspective and clinical map about different problems regarding family dynamic.
4. To facilitate students to have reflections on their own values, personal experiences and stance on different family issues.

Course Format:

Methods of instruction will include lecture, case presentation, discussion, experiential role-play and reflective assignments.

Course Outline:

Date	Topic
10.1.2020	Continuity and Change in the Hong Kong Family
17.1.2020	Family Ministry and Family Life Education
31.1.2020	The Historical and Conceptual Context of Marriage and Family Therapy
7.2.2020	Pre-marital Counseling and Marital Enrichment
14.2.2020	Psychoanalytic Family Therapy and Bowen Family Therapy
21.2.2020	Structural Family Therapy and Strategic Family Therapy
28.2.2020	Experimental Family Therapy
6.3.2020	Solution-focused Therapy and Narrative Therapy
13.3.2020	Working with Families Affected by Domestic Violence (Tutorial)
20.3.2020	Working with Families with Mental Illness and Chronic Illness (Tutorial)
27.3.2020	Working with Families with Death and Loss (Tutorial)
3.4.2020	Working with families with Extramarital Affair (Tutorial)
17.4.2020	Separation and Divorce Counseling (Tutorial)

Course Duration:

Period: 10th January to 17th April, 2020 (Friday)
Time: 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm
Location: FYB UG01

Course Requirements:

- ❖ Attendance (10% of the course mark)
- ❖ Tutorial (30% of the course mark)
 - Students should make a 15-minute individual case presentation with the attempt to integrate the theories discussed in the previous lessons into practice. Presentation should include a written case summary (10% of the tutorial mark), genogram (10% of the tutorial mark), case analysis and intervention (10% of the tutorial mark)
- ❖ Written Assignment (60% of the course mark)
 - Each student is required to write an essay of about 3,500 words on one of the course topics or any critical issues related to family therapy.
 - Students are required to submit the paper outlines (10% of the written assignment mark) on or before **17 April, 2020**.
 - The paper should demonstrate the following:

- Clarity of concepts (10% of the written assignment mark)
 - Integration of theory and practice (20% of the written assignment mark)
 - Critical thinking and personal reflection on the issues (15% of the written assignment mark)
 - Good organization and presentation (5% of the written assignment mark)
 - References should be cited by using the A.P.A. guideline.
- ❖ All assignments must be submitted on or before **30 April, 2020**.

Policy and Regulations on Honesty:

Attention is drawn to University policy and regulations on honesty in academic work, and to the disciplinary guidelines and procedures applicable to breaches of such policy and regulations. Details may be found at

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/>.

With each assignment, students will be required to submit a signed declaration that they are aware of these policies, regulations, guidelines and procedures.

- In the case of group projects, all students of the same group should be asked to sign the declaration, each of whom is responsible and liable to disciplinary actions should there be any plagiarized contents in the group project, irrespective of whether he/she has signed the declaration and whether he/she has contributed directly or indirectly to the plagiarized contents.
- For assignments in the form of a computer-generated document that is principally text-based and submitted via VeriGuide, the statement, in the form of a receipt, will be issued by the system upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment.

Assignments without the properly signed declaration will not be graded by teachers.

Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.

The submission of a piece of work, or a part of a piece of work, for more than one purpose (e.g. to satisfy the requirements in two different courses) without declaration to this effect shall be regarded as having committed undeclared multiple submission. It is common and acceptable to reuse a turn of phrase or a sentence or two from one's own work; but wholesale reuse is problematic. In any case, agreement from the course teacher(s) concerned should be obtained prior to the submission of the piece of work.

Basic Texts:

Yarhouse, M.A., & Sells, J.N. (2017), Family Therapies: A Comprehensive Christian Appraisal (2nd Edition), Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP Academic.

Recommended Readings:

- Anthony, M. & Anthony, M. (2011), A Theology for Family Ministries, Nashville: B & H Academic.
- Balswick, J.O., & Balswick, J.K. (2014), The Family: A Christian Perspective on the Contemporary Home (4th Edition), Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic.
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- Gurman, A.S., Lebow, J.L. & Snyder, D.K. (2015) Clinical Handbook of Couple Therapy (5th Edition), New York: Guilford Press.
- Gurman, A.S., & Kniskern, D.P. (eds.) (1981) Handbook of Family Therapy (Vol. I), New York: Brunner/Mazel.
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- McGoldrick, M., Gerson, R., & Petry, S. (2008) Genograms: Assessment and Intervention (3rd Edition), New York: W.W. Norton & Co.
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- Nichols, M.P. & Davis, S.D (2019). The Essentials of Family Therapy (7th Edition), Boston: Pearson Allyn & Bacon.
- Sell C.M. (1995) Family Ministry (2nd edition), Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Pub. House.

- 盧松標 (2011)。 家庭關係：從創傷到癒合。香港：基督教文藝出版社。
- 萬崇仁 (1992)。 誰是一家之主？：基督化家庭。香港：中國神學研究院。
- 馬麗莊 (2001)。 青少年與家庭治療。台北：五南圖書出版公司。
- 黃麗彰 (2015)。 幸福的實踐－婚姻輔導解構。香港：突破出版社。
- 霍玉蓮 (2004)。 婚姻與家庭治療：理論與實務藍圖。香港：突破出版社。
- 霍玉蓮 (2009)。 心理與心靈的重聚：從佛洛伊德到米高維－婚外情個案演繹。
香港：基道出版社。
- 羅錦添 (2007)。 共建屬靈之家：核心家庭屬靈牧養的探討。香港：匯美書社。

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