
Psychology 750.06	Clinical Geropsychology	Fall 2020
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Course Description and Objectives

Population projections indicate that by 2036, 25% of the Canadian population will be over 65 and almost 8% will be 80 years of age or older. By 2051, the number of centenarians in Canada will increase eight-fold. As the baby-boom cohort ages, there will be even more demand for psychological services. Moreover, caring for an aging family member is now a normative experience and psychologists who work with families need to be knowledgeable about multigenerational families and issues pertaining to caregiving. Even if you plan on working with children, these children have grandparents who may be important familial influences and may even be their primary caregivers, as in skip-generation households. Moreover, caregiving for an older relative has radiating effects on all members of a family, regardless of their age.

This module is structured in a manner that is consistent with guidelines provided by the American Psychological Association (2014). As such, students will learn about:

- 1) what it means to age successfully
- 2) students' personal attitudes and beliefs about aging, and how these might be relevant to their assessment and treatment of older adults, ethical issues
- 3) conceptual models, challenges and contexts of practice
- 4) psychopathology, assessment, and intervention

The lectures will focus on specific topics within this framework; however, the readings will be more comprehensive. You may also want to look at the following websites and their related links for further information about different topics on aging:

National Council on the Aging (www.ncoa.org)

Canadian Association on Gerontology (www.cagacg.ca)

Gerontological Society of America (www.geron.org)

APA Division 12, Section II – Clinical Geropsychology (<https://geropsychology.org>)

The Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health (CCSMH) (<https://ccsmh.ca>)

National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly <http://www.nicenet.ca>

International Psychogeriatric Association <http://www.ipa-online.org>

GeroCentral <http://gerocentral.org>

Acknowledgments and Respect for Diversity

Our classrooms view diversity of identity as a strength and resource. Your experiences and different perspectives are encouraged and add to a rich learning environment that fosters critical thought through respectful discussion and inclusion. The Department of Psychology would also like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Course Format

Lectures will be taught live via Zoom during each scheduled class as per the course schedule below and will be recorded and posted to D2L after class.

Prerequisites

Admission to the Graduate Program in Clinical Psychology.

Required Texts and Readings

Segal, D. L., Qualls, S. H., & Smyer, M. A. (2018). *Aging and mental health*. Wiley Blackwell: Hoboken: NJ. Readings. The text is available in the Bookstore and readings are on D2L.

Assessment Methods

Participation (20%): Some of the class discussion may include the critical thinking/discussion questions at the end of each chapter so please take some time to read and think about those.

Case study (30%)

Case conceptualization (30%)

Discussion questions/issues of interest (20%): Please think broadly about the topic for that week and come to class prepared to highlight one question or interesting issue that is related to the content for that class. "Thinking broadly" means going beyond the readings to additional material (e.g., media, websites in each chapter, and other, related articles) and exploring an issue in more depth. It also means thinking critically, integrating different content areas from the course, and potentially extending it to, for example, ethics/practice-related issues, diversity, policy (at all levels), and/or knowledge translation. Make it interesting and (even better!) provocative. It can be related to your own experiences. Be prepared to present your ideas and lead a discussion for 15-20 minutes. No powerpoint slides needed. Feel free to consult with the instructors. The earlier you contact us the more we can help. Please send your question/issue to the instructor in a brief email no later than Friday at noon, so she has an idea of

what you will be presenting on and can minimize duplication with her lecture and other students. A presentation schedule will be posted on D2L. Further information will be provided on the case study and case conceptualization assignments. Both assignments are due by **November 2, 2020**.

Grading Scale

This course is evaluated as credit/no credit. Students must receive a grade of B- (80%) on each component of the course to receive credit for the course, as per the FGS grading system below.

Faculty of Graduate Studies Grading System

A+ = Outstanding performance, A = Excellent performance, A- = Very good performance

B+ = Good performance, B = Satisfactory performance, B- = Minimum pass

All grades of "C+" or lower are indicative of failure at the graduate level and cannot be counted toward Faculty of Graduate Studies course requirements.

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Tentative Lecture Schedule

Date	Topic
W Sep 9	University Lectures begin
M Sep 14 Konnert	Working with older adults: The basics Successful aging/dying well
R Sep 17	Last day to drop a class without a penalty
F Sep 18	Last day to add or swap a course
M Sep 21 Konnert	The Contextual Adult Lifespan Theory for Adapting Psychotherapy (CALTAP) Settings and contexts of mental health
F Sep 25	Fee payment deadline for Fall Term full and half courses.
M Sep 28 Knight	Considerations in assessment with older adults Overview of the assessment and differential diagnosis of delirium, depression, and dementia (3Ds)
M Oct 5 Knight	Delirium, depression, dementia (continued)
M Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day, University closed (except Taylor Family Digital Library, Law, Medical, Gallagher and Business Libraries). No lectures.
M Oct 19 Knight	Assessment and treatment for hoarding disorder Overview of psychotic disorders
M Oct 26 Konnert	Evidence-based and emerging psychological treatments

Note that not all readings will be covered in class but the content should be read independently and may be important for the case study or case conceptualization. Content from these chapters might also inform your discussion issue.

Reappraisal of Graded Term Work <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

Reappraisal of Final Grade <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-3.html>

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Student Support and Resources

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines>

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no "W" notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund is Thursday, September 17, 2020.** Last day add/swap a course is **Friday, September 18, 2020.** The last day to withdraw from this course is **Wednesday, December 9, 2020.**

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/academic-schedule.html>