



BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES
CSL 5610 Essential Skills for the Professional
Counselor
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Explore the licensing requirements and regulations for the state of planned practice.
 - a. Investigate the levels of licensure available and requirements for attaining that credential.
 - b. Examine the requirements to be eligible for the licensure exam.
 - c. Prepare for the licensure exam.
 - d. Examine the continuing education requirements for maintaining licensure.
 - e. Differentiate availability of and requirements for specialized credentials.
2. Investigate the importance of memberships to a professional organization.
 - a. Explore available professional organizations for the professional counselor.
 - b. Explore available professional development and networking opportunities available for professionals and students.
 - c. Explore professional counseling organizations, including membership benefits, activities, services to members, and current issues they are addressing.
 - d. Investigate the guidelines developed by professional counseling organizations related to social justice, advocacy, and working with individuals with diverse cultural identities.
3. Evaluate the elements of the professional self.
 - a. Analyze self-care, self-awareness, and self-evaluation strategies for ethical and effective practice
 - b. Explore the critical thinking and reasoning strategies for clinical judgment in the counseling process.
 - c. Examine the processes for developing a personal model of counseling grounded in theory and research.
 - d. Explore the purpose of and roles within counseling supervision in the profession.
 - e. Investigate the role of professional counselors as an advocate:
 - i. on behalf of and with individuals receiving counseling services to address systemic, institutional, architectural, attitudinal, disability, and social barriers that impede access, equity, and success

- ii. on behalf of the profession.
4. Evaluate the various professional communication and interpersonal skills required to be a counselor.
 - a. Evaluate the counselors' roles, responsibilities, and relationships as members of specialized practice and interprofessional teams, including:
 - i. collaboration and consultation,
 - ii. community outreach,
 - iii. and emergency response management.
 - b. Examine the various settings and applications of oral communication skills required for a professional counselor.
 - c. Examine the various settings and applications of written communication skills required for a professional counselor.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas

- Licensing regulations and requirements
 - Professional memberships
 - Supervision
 - Specialized credentials (school, alcohol and drug, trauma, art/play, etc.)
 - Therapy for therapists/counselors
 - Professional self - theory of change, involvement in community/policy/advocacy, etc.
 - Boundaries
 - Self-care
 - Communication skills
 - Oral: presentations, client communications
 - Written: formal reports, emails, HIPAA/FERPA, etc.
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