Crisis Intervention Strategies
CSP 647
Course Syllabus--Generic for Web Posting
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Purpose of the Course: Crisis Intervention Strategies is designed to 1) explain the nature and purpose of crisis intervention; 2) explain a 6-step model of crisis intervention as advocated by James & Gilliland (2001); 3) explore individual capabilities relative to crisis intervention in practice; 4) examine various examples of crises and their resolution via the James & Gilliland 6-step model of crisis intervention; and 5) expose participants to practitioners in the field involved in crisis intervention as a component of their practice. Crisis Intervention Strategies includes aspects of understanding multicultural counseling approaches with diverse populations; the machinations of referral and consultation; the ongoing assessment process necessary during crisis intervention; and the legal and ethical ramifications of decisions made during crisis intervention with clients.


Evaluation for the Course: The focus of the course is on practitioner and counselor-trainee learning and utilization of crisis intervention skills. As such, the major emphasis of the course is on the James & Gilliland 6-step model of crisis intervention. Final grades for the course will be assessed in the following manner: 1) class attendance (absences determined by the Instructor of the course to be unnecessary will result in a full final grade-level reduction), 2) class participation (inclusive of any field visits arranged during the course), 3) two examinations--a midterm and a final, and 4) a research assignment designed to add additional resources to the CSP Department’s crisis intervention webpages. Further details will be explained in class.

Suggestions for Speakers: Course participants are welcome to offer suggestions for speakers who might contribute to the course and share their expertise in a specific field of crisis intervention. Please make your suggestion no later than the second week of the class. Suggestions may be phoned in, if not given directly in class.