



Law and Justice Division
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CJ 214: Correctional Counseling and Interviewing

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

Catalog Description

Prerequisites: PY 101

This course will provide an overview of the theories and interviewing methods used for counseling in a variety of correctional settings.

Textbook and Course Materials

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook, and any other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at cccnj.bncollege.com.

Evaluation Assessment

Online Proctoring

All courses offered at RCSJ, whether they are web-enhanced, hybrid, or fully online, may include assessments that make use of Online Proctoring. To find out more about Online Proctoring, and to learn about the minimum technical requirements, visit rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring

Grading Distribution

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Projects
- Portfolios
- Exams
- Presentations
- Papers

Grading

The grading scale for each course and section will be determined by the instructor and distributed the first day of class.

Rowan College of South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011; Adopted 2014)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

CJ 214 Core Competencies

This course focuses on three of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Written and Oral Communication
- Ethical Reasoning and Action
- Information Literacy

Student Learning Outcomes: Correctional Counseling and Interviewing

| Successful completion of CJ 214 will help students: | RCSJ Core Competencies | Evaluation / Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors) |
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| Identify the predisposing conditions that can make an institution vulnerable to a disturbance/riot | Written and Oral Communication | Projects Portfolios Exams Presentations Papers |
| Evaluate the most effective strategies to reduce prison unrest and the violent disturbances that may result from such unrest | Written and Oral Communication Ethical Reasoning and action | Projects Portfolios Exams Presentations Papers |
| Evaluate the effectiveness of substance abuse programs being used in local, state and federal correctional institutions | Written and Oral Communication Ethical Reasoning and action | Projects Portfolios Exams Presentations Papers |
| Compare the effectiveness and ineffectiveness of various sex offender treatment programs | Information Literacy Written and Oral Communication | Projects Portfolios Exams Presentations Papers |

Topical Outline

- The Role of the Correctional Counselor
- Legal, Ethical, and Cross-Cultural Issues
- Assessment, Classification, & Treatment Planning
- Rapport-Building, Person-Centered Techniques, & Goal-Setting
- Common Theoretical Counseling Perspectives
- Family Systems Therapy and Counseling
- Group Therapy
- Substance Abuse Counseling & Co-occurring disorders
- Youth Counseling and Juvenile Offenders
- Anger Management and Domestic Abuse Counseling/Facilitating
- Female Offenders and Correctional Counseling
- Sex Offenders
- HIV/AIDS, Dying/Grief & Mourning, Older Offenders, & Suicide Issues
- Evaluation, Effectiveness, Relapse, & Offender Recidivism

Affirmative Action Statement

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Department of Special Services

The Department of Special Services is committed to providing support services and ensuring equal access to eligible students with documented conditions/disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act with Amendments Act (ADAAA).

(Gloucester Campus Location and Contact)

Location: Instructional Center, room 425A.

Primary Contact: Director, Carol Weinhardt, (email) cweinhar@rcsj.edu; or (phone) 856-415-2247.

(Cumberland Campus Location and Contact)

Location: Center for Academic & Student Success (CASS)

Primary Contact: Senior Director, Meredith Vicente, (email) mvicent1@rcsj.edu; or (phone) 856-200-4688.

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault Resource Referrals (8/2021) Cumberland Campus

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus. Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus. Employees must report crimes that pose an immediate threat to the campus Security Office, the local Police Department or the Sheriff's Office.

| Service | Resource | Phone Number/Location/Website |
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| Non-Confidential Reporting Law Enforcement | Vineland Police Dept. Millville Police Department Cumberland Co. Sheriff's Office Cumberland County Emergency Services Cumberland Campus Security 856-200-4706 (Direct) | 856-691-4111 856-825-7010 856-451-4449 9-1-1 Andres Lopez, Director Safety and Security 856-200-4706 |
| Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services | Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity, Title IX and Compliance Nathaniel Alridge, Jr., JD, Director Diversity and Equity, Title IX and Judicial Affairs Kellie W. Slade Executive Director Student Services, Student Life | 856-415-2154 Gloucester Campus College Center, Room 116 ajones@rcsj.edu 856-498-9948 Catherine J. Arpino Education and Humanities Center, nalridge@rcsj.edu 856-200-4615 Student & Enrollment Services Center kslade@rcsj.edu |
| Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services | Student Counseling and Wellness Center John Wojtowicz, LCSW | Academic Building – 1 st floor 856-200-4760 jwojtowi@rcsj.edu |
| Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support | Center for Family Services – Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV) | 24/7 Hotlines Cumberland Co. – 1-800-225-0196 www.centerffs.org/serv |
| Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner on Site | Inspira Medical Center Vineland | 1505 W. Sherman Ave., Vineland, NJ 856-641-8000 |