PPSY6844 : Introduction to Human Sexuality: Physiology, Diversity, and Interventions

This clinical course is intended to prepare students for effective practice in dealing with clients' sexual issues. It includes an overview of the biological, psychological, and relational aspects of human sexuality that arise in clinical practice. Topics will include appropriate language, sexuality through the life cycle, appropriate boundaries and cultural differences in sexuality, physiology of sexuality, taking a sexual history, sexual orientation, sexuality, and disabilities, reclaiming sexuality following a history of sexual abuse, sexual addiction, and other special topics. Includes DSM-V-TR sexuality diagnoses and treatment approaches for psychotherapy clients with sexual problems. Attention is given to psychotherapy and diverse couples with presenting problems of sexual dysfunctions. Students will explore the applications of this knowledge to clinical practice and examine their level of comfort with this material as it relates to the clinical situation.

Credits 2