

PSY 266: Introduction to Grief Counseling

The course focuses on the qualities and skills as well as the functions and goals of the grief facilitator. Pre-need, at need, aftercare intervention and healing techniques will be addressed for a variety of loss experiences. An in-depth analysis of counseling theories will be presented, as well as resources for referral counseling. Three class hours a week.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

- 1. Develop best personal qualities required for a counseling relationship and the ability to employ those professional skills for effective counseling.
- 2. Understand major goals of grief counseling and avoid pitfalls and problems.
- 3. Define and explain major theories of psychotherapy to assist in the application of concepts for counseling advice and referral.
- 4. Demonstrate knowledge of crisis counseling, intervention, and interview techniques as well as aftercare guidance.
- 5. Offer a multitude of choices and options available for the adjustment period of grief as well as techniques for motivational counseling that will give success in grief recovery.

Credits: 3 Program: Psychology