

### **OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE**

Course Code: COUN-3200

Short Title: Complex Trauma

**Long Title:** Complex Trauma

Prerequisites: None

Co-requisites: None

School: School of Health, Community & Social Justice

**Division/Academy/Centre:** Centre for Counselling & Community Safety

**Previous Code & Title:** CT301 - Complex Trauma

Course First Offered: January 2011

Credits: 1.5

## **Course Description**

You will learn about the impacts and assessments of Complex Trauma within self, family, communities and systems (residential schools, governments, agencies, etc). You will explore the dynamics and interruption of traumatic bonding, Aboriginal treatment models and attitudes for Focusing-Oriented Therapy (FOT), including how to prepare a safe ground for unraveling trauma, vicarious trauma and intergenerational trauma. A variety of Aboriginal /Indigenous treatment modalities are woven throughout the seven certificate courses via experiential exercises, storytelling and ceremonial processes.

### **Course Goals**

Participants will have a better understanding of the complexities of long term trauma on an individual, a family and/or a community. Participants will be able to identify traumatic bonding in an individual and in a family. Participants will better understand the varying treatment needs and treatment approaches required for individuals within a family, and at varying developmental ages. They will recognize that each human being has very different 'fallout' from trauma and will require a unique client-centered treatment approach. Culturally appropriate Aboriginal treatment strategies and resource development will be role modeled and will provide student practitioners with working skills and knowledge of Aboriginal ways of knowing, thinking and doing holistic wellness. Developing respectful relationships within the Indigenous frameworks of all my relations, one heart, one mind and the importance of witnessing will be explored.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

- 1. Identify traumatic bonding in individuals of all ages and in families.
- 2. Recognize the individual needs and approaches required in meeting the specific needs of the individual.



- 3. Recognize the intergenerational traumatic fall out of colonization and residential schools on Aboriginal/Indigenous communities worldwide.
- 4. Introduce Focusing-Oriented Therapy and practice FOT listening skills.
- 5. Develop an awareness of required safety techniques when opening up places of trauma in human beings.
- 6. Begin to notice the places in suffering where the trauma may be intergenerational or vicarious.
- 7. Identify the impacts of colonialism, gender, race, sexual orientation, politics, poverty, classism, rankism, ageism, etc., on trauma.
- 8. Develop knowledge of and ways to respond to Aboriginal participants' needs including basic Aboriginal protocols -and consider regional and tribal differences and similarities when working with complex trauma and culturally appropriate treatment strategies.

# **Course Topics/Content**

- Complex trauma
- Traumatic bonding
- Aboriginal treatment models
- Focusing-Oriented Therapy
- Vicarious and intergenerational trauma

# **Text & Resource Materials**

Required materials supplied in class.

## **Equivalent JIBC Courses**

None

Instructional Method(s) (select all that apply)	Hours
⊠ Direct Instruction (lecture, seminar, role plays, independent study, etc.)	21
☐ Supervised Practice (includes simulations & labs)	
☐ Practice Education, Field Placement, Internship or Co-op	
Total	21

<sup>\*</sup>Refer to http://www.jibc.ca/sites/default/files/governance/policies/pdf/Procedure Credit-Value.pdf

### **Course Evaluation**

The evaluation criteria used for this course are represented below. Specific course evaluation information will be provided by the instructor at the start of the course.

### Criterion

% of Final Grade (may be represented as a range)

Course work (activities, assignments, essays, reports, etc.)

Quizzes and exams



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Attendance/Participation (in class or online)

Practice Education/Internships

Total	100%

100%

#### **Comments on Evaluation**

100% attendance in all classes is required.

Active contribution in large and small group discussions and activities expected.

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□JIBC1 (A to F) □JIBC2 (MAS/NMA)

□JIBC3(CM/IN)

⊠JIBC4 (P/F)

(\* <a href="http://www.jibc.ca/policy/3304">http://www.jibc.ca/policy/3304</a> Grading policy)

## **Other Course Guidelines, Procedures and Comments**

View official versions of related JIBC academic regulations and student policies in the JIBC Calendar on the following pages of the JIBC website:

### **Academic Regulations:**

http://www.jibc.ca/programs-courses/jibc-calendar/academic-regulations

Student Academic Integrity Policy
Academic Progression Policy
Admissions Policy
Academic Appeals Policy

Evaluation Policy Grading Policy

### **Student Policies:**

http://www.jibc.ca/about-jibc/governance/policies

Access Policy Harassment Policy – Students

Student Records Policy

Student Code of Conduct Policy

# **JIBC Core Competencies**

The JIBC promotes the development of core and specialized competencies in its programs. Graduates of our programs will demonstrate high levels of competence in the following areas:

- Critical thinking: Identify and examine issues and ideas; analyze and evaluate options in a variety of fields with differing assumptions, contents and methods.
- - by selecting the appropriate style, language and form of communication suitable for different audiences and mediums.
- Leadership: Inspire individuals and teams to reach their potential by embracing

- Problem solving: State problems clearly; effectively and efficiently evaluate alternative solutions; choose solutions that maximize positive and minimize negative outcomes.
- ☑ Interpersonal relations: Know and manage ourselves; recognize and acknowledge the needs and emotions of others including those with diverse cultures, backgrounds and capabilities.
- ☑ Inter-professional teamwork: Understand and work productively within and between groups, respect others' perspectives and



innovation through strategic thinking and shared responsibility.

- ✓ Independent learning: Show initiative by acting independently in choosing effective, efficient and appropriate applied learning, research and problem solving strategies.
- ☑ **Globally minded:** Self-aware of own identity and culture, recognize the interconnectedness of world events and issues; interact respectfully and authentically across cultures; value multiple perspectives; utilize curiosity to learn with and from others.

provide constructive feedback with special attention to inter-professional relationships.

☐ Information literacy: Recognize and analyze the extent and nature of an information need; efficiently locate and retrieve information; evaluate it and its sources critically, and use information effectively and ethically.