

Midland College
MASTER SYLLABUS

PMHS 1305: Mental Health Services Technician (3-0-0)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to prepare the student to enter the field of mental health services as an entry-level technician. Topics covered will be the philosophy, goals, and organizational practices of mental health services in Texas; client rights; behavior identification; personal safety; prevention or reporting of abuse and neglect.

PREREQUISITES AND/OR COREQUISITES

None

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be knowledgeable in:

1. The role, responsibilities, and required skills of a mental health technician
2. Relevant laws and policies regarding mental and behavioral health care
3. The process and procedure for professionalism by technicians
4. Professional communication skills with diverse populations
5. Cultural competency in critical thinking and patient care
6. Psychology domains and theories of human behavior
7. Mental health problems throughout the life cycle
8. Common psychological problems and mental health disorders
9. Appropriate therapies to manage patient care
10. Skills in fostering therapeutic relationships
11. Mental-health assessments to understand patients
12. Common psychotherapeutic drugs
13. Key principles of pharmacology in mental health settings
14. Common types of facilities and their purpose
15. Accurate patient charting protocols using electronic medical records
16. Proper patient examination and intervention skills

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

Course materials will be listed in the individual course syllabus and may include:

- Textbooks and Open Educational Resources (OER)
- Online learning platforms or publisher software
- Lab kits, supplies, or specialized equipment
- Technology requirements

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CLASS POLICIES

Will be provided by the instructor in the individual course syllabus. Students should contact their instructor with any questions.

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS

Will be provided by the instructor in the individual course syllabus. Students should contact their instructor with any questions.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Will be provided by the instructor in the individual course syllabus. Students should contact their instructor with any questions.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Refer to Midland College's Scholastic Dishonesty and Academic Misconduct policy:

<https://www.midland.edu/about/public-info/scholastic-dishonesty.php>

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Midland College provides support services for students with disabilities through Student Services. To request accommodations, students must visit <https://www.midland.edu/services-resources/accommodation-services.php> and complete the required steps.

Accommodations are not automatic; students must apply and be approved each semester.

GRIEVANCES AND COMPLAINTS

Students are encouraged to raise concerns as early as possible. Start by speaking with your instructor. If that is not feasible, you may contact the Department Chair, followed by the Dean of Allied Health. If needed, students may proceed with the formal complaint process.

LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION

Completion of a Midland College program does not guarantee eligibility for licensure or certification exams. Eligibility is determined individually by each regulatory agency.

If you have a criminal conviction (other than minor traffic violations), a physical or mental health condition, hospitalization/treatment for chemical dependency within the past five years, or previous licensure actions, contact the relevant agency for guidance.

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