



College of Health Sciences | MA in Clinical Counseling

PSY6096: Supervised Practicum II

2 Units

Course Information:

Spring 2026 | January 12 - May 10

Meeting days/times:

Tuesdays from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Mission Valley Campus, Room #309

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PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Course Description

Supervised therapy experience in applied psychotherapeutic techniques at an external agency. This course provides support, supervision, and consultation for students' training at their practicum site. A total of 700 hours, 300 of which are face-to-face direct service, must be accrued throughout the practicum course sequence. Students must be training at an approved site to be enrolled in this course. Credit/No Credit.

Credit/No Credit Prerequisite(s): PSY6095

Program Learning Outcomes

The educational goals of Point Loma Nazarene University's *Masters of Arts in Clinical Counseling (MACC)* are to develop graduate students and clinicians who are:

1. competent clinicians and professionals that practice from a wide-range of clinically valuable and research-based approaches;
2. able to cultivate self-awareness and apply professional ethics to the practice of clinical counseling; and,
3. providing services that are respectful of individuals and families as well as the cultural contexts that shape them, particularly focusing on those who are underserved.

PLO 1: Demonstrate competent application of theoretical models and research-based clinical interventions to therapeutic work with individuals, couples, groups and/or families

Competency 1: Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of theories, principles, and practices relevant to clinical counseling, particularly across the lifespan and in family systems.

Competency 2: Utilize assessment tools effectively to diagnose, develop treatment plans, and monitor progress.

Competency 3: Apply clinical knowledge by effectively implementing theory-informed intervention with individuals, couples, groups, and families.

Competency 4: Evaluate and apply relevant research to the practice of clinical counseling.

PLO 2: Develop and apply self-awareness and professional ethics to the practice of clinical counseling.

Competency 1: Demonstrate knowledge of the ACA/AAMFT code of ethics and identify ethical issues when they arise with clients

Competency 2: Demonstrate awareness and effective use of self in the therapeutic process

Competency 3: Develop personal characteristics that enhance professional competence, most importantly effective communication, empathy, boundaries, self-awareness, and respect for others

PLO 3: Demonstrate competence in working with clients from diverse backgrounds, particularly in settings where sociocultural factors influence treatment and there is limited access to care.

Competency 1: Integrate contextual factors, apply multicultural theories, and modify treatment approaches to effectively work with diverse client populations.

Competency 2: Demonstrate awareness of how personal values, beliefs, and sociocultural context impact work with clients.

Competency 3: Attend to the spiritual dimensions of clients and apply faith integration processes as clinically appropriate.

Course Learning Outcomes

COURSE COMPETENCIES DEMONSTRATED BY STUDENTS

After completing PSY6096 course, the student should be able to competently:

1. Provide a brief written and verbal clinical assessment of a case along with a clinical hypothesis, treatment plan, identification of legal/ethical issues (including self of therapist issues) and collaboration with other professionals. (SLO 1)
2. Describe qualities related to an effective therapeutic relationship as they operate in a clinical case including spirituality. (SLO 2)
3. Reflect on changes to your thinking of how religious/spiritual/faith issues operate in your clinical work. (SLO 2)
4. Describe cultural factors that might be operating in a clinical case. (SLO 3)

You will be required to maintain a pace of required experience to complete 700 total hours in order to graduate.

RELEVANT IDEA OBJECTIVES

1. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course.
2. Developing ethical reasoning and/or ethical decision making
3. Learning to apply knowledge and skills to benefit others or serve the public good.

GROUND RULES OF THE COURSE

Together we will create a dynamic learning environment where:

1. Learning is challenging but safe
2. Learning is experiential and active
3. Communication is open . . . opposing viewpoints are welcomed
4. All are learners and all are teachers . . . we will learn from each other
5. Mistakes are okay . . . this is a no-guilt, no-blame zone
6. The point is to learn and grow ... grades are a by-product and not the goal
7. Integrity and honesty are expected

Please jot down some of your expectations for this course.

Course Credit Hour Information

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 2 unit class delivered over 16 weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour requirement can be provided upon request.

This course meets PLNU and WASC credit hour policy requirements for contact hours as evidenced by the table below (2 credit units):

Credit Hour Distribution	
Assignments	Course Hours
Face-to-face Class Sessions Attendance	30
Assignments and Discussion Posts	50
Case Presentation and Video Assignments	20
TOTAL HOURS	100

Required Texts and Recommended Study Resources

- Patterson, J.E., Williams, L., Edwards, T., Chamow, L. & Grauf-Grounds, C. (2018). *Essential Skills in Family Therapy*. Guilford Press.

NOTE: Students are responsible to have the required course textbooks prior to the first day of class. Students are also encouraged to begin reading the books in preparation for the class as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- Altimir, C., Capella, C., Nunez, L., Abarzua, M. & Krause, M. (2017). Meeting in difference: Revisiting the therapeutic relationship based on patients' and therapists' experiences in several clinical contexts. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 73(11): 1510-1522.
- American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th Edition. American Psychological Association.
- Horvath, A. O. (2011). Alliance in individual psychotherapy. *Psychotherapy, Special Issue: Evidence-Based Psychotherapy Relationships*. 48(1): 9-16.

Assessment and Grading

Grading is on a CR/NC basis. To pass the class, you must attend, participate, turn in required paperwork and meet competency standards for each assignment. Simply showing up will not earn you full points. You must be engaged, participate in discussion, complete any assigned readings, and be ready to give feedback and support your classmates.

Assignments with Point Values

Assignments	Points
Case Study and Video Assignments	300
Integration Paper	100
Attendance	50
Professionalism	50
Total	500

Students must achieve a minimum grade of B- to pass this class.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to maintain your class schedule. Should the need arise to drop this course (personal emergencies, poor performance, etc.); you have the responsibility to first contact the professor. Then if no accommodations can be made, you are responsible to follow through (provided the drop date meets the stated calendar deadline established by the University).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Some requirements from this class along with projects in Supervised Practicum I and III will be integrated into a **Clinical Portfolio project**, which will be presented at the end of the program. Please be sure to keep a copy of your assignments available.

Assignments for PSY 6096 Supervised Practicum II include the following (please see assignment descriptions and rubrics on Canvas for further details):

- **Video presentations (x2) and written case presentations (x1):** Each student is required to present two videotapes of clinical work. The videos must feature different clients and come from separate sessions. Both presentations will follow the 12-minute Case Summary oral format. Additionally, a written case summary will accompany the second video.
- **Reflection on Faith Integration in Practicum Paper:** Reflect on the faith integration paper you wrote for PSY6001 and consider how the values and perspectives you expressed align with or have evolved through your current clinical work. Write a 3-page paper discussing how your experiences in practicum have influenced your values, whether they have remained consistent, shifted, or deepened.

***If you are unable to locate your original PSY6001 paper, please share in detail your current understanding of how Christian theology, spirituality, religion or faith operate in your clinical work by providing at least two clinical examples from practicum. ***

- **Attendance and Professionalism:** In this supervisory and experiential learning course, attendance and participation are essential. There is significant classroom interaction between the instructor and students, as well as between students. Student contributions constitute a significant component of the learning process. Absences could impact class learning for others as well. Therefore, class attendance is expected at every class meeting. The only exceptions are if there are extenuating circumstances, and the professor is informed directly via email or phone prior to an absence (or as soon as practically possible following a sudden emergency).

Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See Academic Policies in the Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog for additional detail.

- **Training Paperwork**
Students will submit all required training paperwork on Tevera, including BBS Weekly logs (at the

conclusion of the course). ***All paperwork must be completed and submitted on Tevera to receive a CR. This is very important!***

Papers written in this course should be in APA style. Here are some helpful websites to help you write and format your paper:

- [APA Style Essentials - Prof. Degelman Vanguard University](#)
- [Psychology with Style: A Hypertext Writing Guide](#)
- [The OWL at Purdue: APA Style](#)

All papers should include the following sections unless indicated otherwise:

1. Title page
2. Abstract
3. Main body with headings
4. Reference page

Please check the *APA Manual* or the websites for further formatting help.

MACC Late Policy

Assignments submitted up to 24 hours past the due date will be deducted 25% of the grade. Assignments submitted up to 48 hours past the due date will be deducted 50% of the grade. Any assignment turned in after 48 hours past the due date will receive no credit. Students are encouraged to alert the professor if an assignment is anticipated to be late.

Professors can extend these late penalties if arrangements are made in advance based on formal accommodations or major extenuating circumstances.

Grading Scale:

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Grade Scale Based on Percentage of Points Earned				
A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F ≤ 59
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

Students must achieve a minimum grade of B- to pass this class.

COURSE POLICIES

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. As explained in the university catalog, academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. Violations of university academic honesty include cheating, plagiarism, falsification, aiding the academic dishonesty of others, or malicious misuse of university resources. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for a) that particular assignment or examination, and/or b) the course following the procedure in the university catalog. Students may appeal also using the procedure in the university catalog. See Academic Policies in the [current PLNU catalog](#) for further information.

IDENTITY FRAUD

Committing identity fraud is considered particularly serious and could have legal as well as institutional implications. Any student who has another individual impersonate or in any other way commit identity fraud in any course, assignment, exam, or any type of academic exercise will be permanently suspended from Point Loma.

PARTICIPATION

Your participation (think of this as 'contribution') in the course is monitored and graded. Your interaction with the course content, the instructor, fellow students, and the learning process directly influences your level of success in the course. You need to demonstrate that you have truly completed the assigned readings, shared what you learned from them, and demonstrate understanding and application of the concepts presented. Participation in the course will benefit your overall online experience as well as the experience of others in the course.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

Students are expected to actively engage in an adult learning environment. Behaviors that disrupt the classroom environment and interfere with the learning of others are prohibited. Examples include talking with other students during a presentation or when others are speaking, texting, gaming, internet browsing, or reading non-course related materials. All pagers, cellphones, and other electronic communication devices will be turned off at the beginning of class. Tablets and computers are allowed in class for note-taking purposes only, unless otherwise directed by the instructor. Arriving late and leaving early are strongly discouraged and disruptive to the class.

Respect each person's opinions. Be considerate while your peers are speaking and actively engage them only when they have completed their point. Discourteous comments and side conversations will not be tolerated and will be addressed openly and directly by the instructor. Should a student's behavior become disruptive to the productivity of the course they will be asked to leave the classroom and not receive credit for attendance.

WITHDRAWAL

If you need to withdraw from the class, please notify the instructor and your Point Loma advisor immediately. A student may withdraw by the end of the first week of class and receive a grade of W. If a student withdraws from the program, he/she must submit a letter for withdrawal. A last date to withdraw is posted in the Academic Calendar on the PLNU website. Students will be assigned a grade of W or WF consistent with Point Loma Nazarene University policy in the grading section of the catalog. Failure to attend class does not constitute a withdrawal and students will receive an "F" if not properly withdrawn. Withdrawing from a class may result in a graduated refund and may affect your financial aid. Be sure to contact your financial aid counselor.

UNIVERSITY CATALOG

For additional Point Loma policy items, review the latest [Point Loma Nazarene University Catalog](#).

ACCESSIBILITY OF HISTORICAL DATA IN PLNU CLASSES

PLNU strives to protect and preserve student data in accordance with FERPA laws. It is important for students and faculty to note that due to the nature of digital information, no data transmitted via emails or online learning management systems is entirely free from observation. The contents of this class, including the class discussion, may be monitored by PLNU faculty and staff at any time for the purposes of assisting students, gathering data, instructor training, or assessing the program.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF COURSE DISCUSSION AND ASSIGNMENTS

Materials posted to the class discussion or to an assignment thread are for class use only. Students and faculty are to protect the confidentiality of all classroom materials and should never transmit any classroom materials without specific written permission of the person quoted and the instructor.

PLNU Spiritual Care

Mission Valley: PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end, we provide resources for our Graduate students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. At the Mission Valley (MV) campus we have an onsite chaplain who is available during class break times across the week. If you have questions for or a desire to meet or share any prayer requests with the onsite chaplain, you may email Dr. Sylvia Cortez Masyuk at scortezm@pointloma.edu.

In addition, on the MV campus there is a prayer chapel on the third floor. It is open for use as a space set apart for quiet reflection and prayer.

PLNU Copyright Policy

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU Recording Notification

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.

PLNU Academic Honesty Policy

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. For all student appeals, faculty and students should follow the procedures outlined in the University Catalog. See [Graduate Academic and General Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

Note: Additionally, include the below if this pertains to your course:

During the first week of class, you will be asked to submit an Academic Honesty Verification Statement. Submitting the statement is a requirement of this course. By submitting the Academic Honesty Verification Statement, you will be verifying all assignments completed in this course were completed by you. Carefully review the Academic Honesty Statement below.

Statement: "In submitting this form, I am verifying all the assignments in this course will be completed by me and will be my own work."

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

You are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini Pro 1.5, GrammarlyGo, Perplexity, etc) to generate ideas, but you are not allowed to use AI tools to generate content (text, video, audio, images) that will end up in any work submitted to be graded for this course. If you have any doubts about using AI, please gain permission from the instructor.

[MLA Style Center: Citing Generative AI](#)

[APA Style: How to Cite ChatGPT](#)

[Chicago Manual of Style: Citing Content Developed or Generated by AI](#)

PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines allowed accommodations. The EAC makes accommodations available to professors at the student's request.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course. Accommodations are not retroactive so clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any special accommodations.

Sexual Misconduct and Discrimination

In support of a safe learning environment, if you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that accommodations and resources are available through the Title IX Office at pointloma.edu/Title-IX. Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, faculty and staff are required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors at pointloma.edu/title-ix or as shown in the PLNU Spiritual Care section of this syllabus.

If you (or someone you know) have experienced other forms of discrimination or bias, you can find more information on reporting and resources at www.pointloma.edu/bias

PLNU Course Modality Definitions

1. Online Courses: These are courses with class meetings where all instruction and interaction is fully online.
 - Synchronous Courses: At least one class meeting takes place at a designated time.
 - Asynchronous Courses: All class meetings are asynchronous.
2. Hybrid Courses: These are courses with class meetings that take place both in the classroom and online synchronously and/or asynchronously.
3. In-Person Courses: These are courses that meet in person with the instructor and students in a physical classroom setting. With approval by the area dean, this may include up to 25% of qualified class interactions through a Learning Management System (such as Canvas).

PLNU Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. Therefore, regular attendance and participation in each course are minimal requirements.

PLNU Policy: If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent (equivalent to two (2) classes in the MACC program), the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade.

Note: If a student incurs a third absence, they may petition the faculty to remain enrolled in class. The faculty will provide a make up assignment proportionate in length and difficulty to the class missed. This third absence may also result in a referral to the Student Development Committee.

In addition to the university policy, 10% of your course grade will reflect your attendance. Coming to class is mandatory and expected. As extenuating circumstances may happen that prevent you from attending class, a student may incur one absence without losing points. Each subsequent absence will drop this portion of the grade by 5% of the total course points (up to 10%). Note: absences are not categorized as excused or unexcused.

Attending class on time is essential to promote a respectful and professional learning environment. Arriving to class more than 15 minutes late is counted as a tardy. Two tardies count as one absence. Arriving 30 minutes or more late to a class will be considered an absence.

Refer to [Academic Policies](#) for additional detail.

Professionalism

Student professionalism will be assessed in each course, constituting 10% of the total course grade. Professionalism indicators include class participation, interactions with peers and instructors, and self-awareness. The full rubric can be found here: [PLNU MACC Professionalism Rubric](#).

Late Policy

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Use of Technology

MACC is committed to a distraction-free learning environment. Students are welcome to bring devices to class, but they *must remain stored* throughout class time unless directed otherwise by the instructor. Phones, laptops, iPads/tablets, and other personal devices are not permitted to be passively used during lectures, discussions, or any other activity unless expressly communicated by the instructor.

GPS Academic Resources

PLNU offers the following free academic resources virtually for Graduate Professional Studies (GPS) Students. Visit myPLNU through the links below for more information.

- [The GPS Writing Center](#) offers:
 - **Zoom Writers Workshops** offered each quad on a variety of helpful topics
 - **One-to-one appointments** with the Writing Coach
 - **Microlearning YouTube Video Library** for helpful tips anytime
- [Research Help Guide](#) to help you start your research
 - The physical office is located on the third floor of the [Mission Valley Regional Center](#) off the student lounge
- [Academic Writing Resources Course](#): Found on your Canvas Dashboard, this course is non-credit with 24/7 access, no time limits, and self-paced content. [Watch a quick video run-through](#) and take time now to explore!
- [Grammarly](#): Students have unlimited FREE access to Grammarly for Education, a trusted tool designed to help enhance writing skills by providing real-time feedback, identifying areas for improvement, and providing suggestions. Grammarly's Generative AI is NOT available with our student accounts.
- [Tutoring](#): Students have access to 24/7 live or scheduled subject tutoring through Tutor.com, including a Paper Drop-Off Service with feedback within 12 hours.

We are here to support you! Contact us anytime: GPSWritingCenter@pointloma.edu

Course Schedule and Assignments

The schedule of topics and due dates can be found on the [Course Schedule](#) page.

Assignments At-A-Glance

The course summary below lists our assignments and their due dates. Click on any assignment to review it.