

APCE6o8- Organization, Administration and Consultation in Guidance Services

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Prerequisite: APCE 6o2

Welcome! Welcome to APCE 6o8. *Please note the following requirements are due prior to January 15, 2021:* students in this course are only required to order and receive required texts prior to the start of the course. Required reading is at the discretion of the student, and must be completed prior to the completion of the course. Reading topics will be referenced throughout the course and students are required to have the required reading text to reference for in-class activities, and small/large group reading assignments.

Course considerations: Attendance is mandatory and is a part of student's grade in this course. Students earn one point per hour in class. Students will not be permitted to continue or compete this course if more than one day of the course is missed for any reason (e.g. illness, family emergency, personal matters).

Course Description: The major focus of this applied course is on the design, development, and implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive school counseling program that meets national standards. The American School Counseling Association's (ASCA) Model for School Counseling Programs provides the foundation of content.

Required Text(s): American School Counselor Association. (2019). *ASCA National Model* (4th ed.). Alexandria, VA: Author.

American School Counselor Association. (2016). *The ASCA National Model Implementation Guide: Foundation, Management and Accountability*. Alexandria, VA: Author.

Davis, Tamara E. (2015). *Exploring School Counseling: Professional Practices and Perspectives* (2nd ed.). Stanford, CT: Cengage.

Additional Required Readings

ASCA. (2010). *Ethical standards for school counselors*. Available online at <http://www.schoolcounselor.org>.

ASCA. (2014). *ASCA mindsets & behaviors for student success: K-12 college- and career-readiness standards for every student*. Alexandria, VA: Author. Available online at <http://www.schoolcounselor.org/>

Colorado Department of Education. (2018-19). *Rubric for evaluating Colorado's special service professionals: School counselors*. Available online at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/educatoreffectiveness/specialservicesproviders>

Colorado Department of Education. (2017-18). *ICAP quality indicators*. Available online at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/icapqualityindicators>

Additional Readings:

Additional law and current topic related readings will be assigned throughout the course at the discretion of the instructor.

Knowledge & Skill Outcomes (Objectives): Upon successful completion of this course students will demonstrate competency, skill and mastery of the following standards:

1. History and development of school counseling (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.1.a).
2. Models of school counseling programs (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.1.b).
3. Models of P-12 comprehensive career development (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.1.c).
4. Models of school-based collaboration and consultation (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.1.d).
5. Assessments specific to P-12 education (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.1.e).
6. School counselor roles as leaders, advocates, and systems change agents in P-12 schools (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.2.a).
7. Counselor roles in consultation with families, P-12 and postsecondary school personnel and community agencies (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.2.b).
8. School counselor roles in relation to college and career readiness (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.c).
9. School counselor roles in school leadership and multidisciplinary teams (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.d).
10. School counselor roles and responsibilities in relation to the school emergency management plans, and crises, disasters, and trauma (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.e).
11. Competencies to advocate for school counseling roles (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.f).
12. Characteristics, risk factors, and warning signs of students at risk for mental health and behavioral disorders (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.g).
13. Common medications that affect learning, behavior, and mood in children and adolescents (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.1.h).

14. Signs and symptoms of substance abuse in children and adolescents as well as the signs and symptoms of living in a home where substance abuse occurs (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.2.i).
15. Qualities of effective leadership in schools (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.2.j).
16. Community resources and referral sources (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.k).
17. Professional organizations, preparation standards, and credentials relevant to the practice of school counseling (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.2.l).
18. Legislation and government policy relevant to school counseling (CACREP SC Standard: 5. G.2.m).
19. Legal and ethical considerations specific to school to school counseling (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.2.n).
20. Development of school counseling program mission statements and objectives (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.a).
21. Design and evaluation of school counseling programs (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.b).
22. Core curriculum design, lesson plan development, classroom management strategies, and differentiated instructional strategies (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.c).
23. Interventions to promote academic development (CACREP SC Standard 5.G.3.d).
24. Use of developmentally appropriate career counseling appropriate career counseling interventions and assessments (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.e).
25. Techniques of personal/social counseling in school settings (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.f).
26. Strategies to facilitate school and postsecondary transitions (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.g).
27. Skills to critically examine the connections between social, familial, emotional, and behavior problems and academic achievement (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.h).
28. Approaches to increase promotion and graduation rates (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.i).
29. Interventions to promote college and career readiness (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.j).
30. Strategies to promote equity in student achievement and college success (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.k).
31. Techniques to foster collaboration and teamwork within schools (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.l).
32. Strategies for implementing and coordinating peer intervention programs (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.m).
33. Use of data to inform decision making (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.n).
34. Use of data to advocate for programs and students (CACREP SC Standard: 5.G.3.o.).

Course Content:

- History and theory of school counseling.
- School counseling and program evaluation.
- Postsecondary planning, career development, and postsecondary transitions.
- Collaboration and consultation with teachers, school staff, administrators, parents, and caregivers.

- Core counseling skills and mental health responsiveness in a school setting.
- Lesson planning and effective delivery of guidance curriculum.
- Dropout prevention and student engagement strategies for historically underserved student populations.
- School counselors as leaders, advocates, and agents of systemic change.
- Professional organizations that support school counselors and enhance the school counseling profession.

Academic Conduct: Cheating on examination, submitting work of other students as your own, or plagiarism in any form will result in penalties ranging from an “F” on an assignment to expulsion from the University.

Student Handbook: <http://www.unco.edu/dos/handbook/index.html> (Links to an external site.)Links to an external site.

- **Professional Conduct:** Students are expected to adhere to the appropriate code of ethics for their particular program. Any behavior deemed unethical will be grounds for dismissal from the program.
- **Accommodations Statement**

Students who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the Disability Support Services, voice/TTY (970) 351-2289, or fax (970) 351-4166, or visit www.unco.edu/dss as soon as possible to ensure that accommodations are implemented in a timely fashion.

- **Inclusivity Statement:** The College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (CEBS) supports an inclusive learning environment where diversity and individual differences are understood, respected, appreciated, and recognized as a source of strength. We expect that students, faculty, administrators and staff within CEBS will respect differences and demonstrate diligence in understanding how other peoples’ perspectives, behaviors, and worldviews may be different from their own.
- **APCE Policy on Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is the act of appropriating the written, artistic, or musical composition of another, or portions thereof; or the ideas, language, or symbols of same and passing them off as the product of one's own mind. Plagiarism includes not only the exact duplication of another's work but also the lifting of a substantial or essential portion thereof. Students who have engaged in the act of plagiarism will be given in an “F” in that course. The matter will be referred to the Review and Retention Committee. The decision of the Committee with regard to plagiarism includes the possibility that the student be dismissed from his or her respective program and from UNC.
- **Honor Code:** All members of the University of Northern Colorado community are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold and promote five fundamental values: Honesty, Trust, Respect, Fairness, and Responsibility. These core elements foster an atmosphere, inside and outside of the classroom, which serves as a foundation and guides the UNC community's academic, professional, and personal growth. Endorsement of these core

elements by students, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees strengthens the integrity and value of our academic climate.

- **UNC's Policies:** UNC's policies and recommendations for academic misconduct will be followed.
- **Portable Electronic Devices:** Please extend courtesy to your instructor and fellow students by turning off your portable electronic devices such as: cell phones, pagers, and iPods. Although not an audio issue, text-messaging is a distraction to other students and prevents you from full participation in class. You should keep your portable electronic devices in your backpack or purse during class. Your personal electronic devices should not be on your desks. If you know that you may need to accept an emergency phone call during class or if you have children in childcare or school, please let the instructor know. If you need to take a phone call during class, please step out of the classroom while you complete your call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Methods of Instruction: Instruction will occur via the following modalities: lecture, discussion, experiential activities, and role-play. The instructor reserves the right to require students to watch pre-recorded lectures as needed throughout the course (delivered via Canvas).

Course Requirements:

Course Readings: It is expected that you complete the course readings and use the texts as necessary to complete the course assignments. Class experiences are designed with the assumption that you have the foundational knowledge from APCE 602. Please bring questions/comments that you have about the text to class so that we can address them.

Attendance and Participation: Attendance for this course is mandatory and necessary. Experiences that are conducted within the course are highly interactive and they cannot be replicated. In class activities are a part of the course requirements. Students that are more than 15 minutes late to class or back from breaks will be deducted 1 point.

- **January 15nd**—6 hours (6 points), **January 16th**—9 hours (9 points), **January 17th**—8 hours (8 points)—23 points available for weekend 1.
- **January 29th**—6 Hours (6 points), **January 30th**—9 hours (9 points), **January 31th**—8 hours (8 points)—23 points available for weekend 2.
- Total attendance and participation: **46 total points for the course.**

***Note: Students may take brief bathroom breaks as needed. Comfort breaks are built into the course schedule. Breastfeeding mothers will not have points deducted for breaks needed.

Assignments: (table below). **Legend:** **Green** items are addressed in-class through classroom discussions, small and large group activities and discussions (nothing posted on Canvas, assessed in class. **Yellow** items are assignments that will be submitted through Canvas, (in presentation format, if applicable). **Red text** indicates competencies tied to required readings (to be completed at the completion of the course). Points for items in italics are descriptions of required elements of assignments and corresponding point distribution. **Late assignments will be deducted points at the instructor's discretion and require prior approval.**

Course Topic	Assignment Description/How Topic will be Addressed	CACREP Standard Addressed	Due Date or Date Covered in Class	Total Points
History and theory of school counseling	Addressed through: Course lecture and discussion (see attendance policy above).	5.G.1a, b, c, f, m, n.	Date covered in class: 1/15/21. Addressed throughout through the course readings.	(Participation Points—46 total possible points)
School counseling and program evaluation	<p>Assignment: Comprehensive School Counselor Program Framework</p> <p>Description: Students will select groups of 3-4. Groups will complete a strategic plan using the Colorado School Counselor Framework (provided in class). Note: this framework was adopted using ASCA National Standards, CACREP Standards, and the Colorado School Counselor Evaluation Rubric). Groups will address each of the seven core framework elements through the development of a comprehensive guide. This assignment will be assessed through the group's ability to address and deliver all elements of the Colorado School Counselor Framework. More information regarding this assignment will be provided on the first week of class.</p>	5.G.1.b, c, d, e; 2.a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n; 3, a, b, c, f, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o.	<p>Optional interim due dates: Groups may choose to submit interim benchmarks prior to the due date for feedback prior to the final presentations on January 19, 2020.</p> <p>Final due date: January 31, 2021. Note: all members of the group are required to be present during the presentation. If a member of the group</p>	<p>Total Points: 100</p> <p>Adherence to framework 1-6 (10 points per framework): 60 points</p> <p>Presentation Quality: 30 points</p> <p>*Visual representation: 10 points- assessed through handouts, Power Point, Prezi, etc.</p> <p>*Presenter professionalism-10 points: assessed through: Clear and concise plan delivered in a manner the audience can understand.</p> <p>*Content-20 points: assessed through addressing all elements of the Colorado School Counselor Framework in the presentation.</p>

			is absent, participation points will be impacted for the absent student, and group members in attendance will be responsible for presenting. Addressed throughout through the course readings.	
Postsecondary planning, career development, and postsecondary transitions	Addressed through/assignment: The Comprehensive School Counselor Program Framework and in-class lecture/group discussions evaluated by the instructor.	5.G.1.c, e, b, e, kl; G.3.h, l, j, k, l, m, o.	<i>(Due with final projects on the last day of class—addressed in comprehensive plan).</i> Addressed throughout through the course readings.	<i>(See points for related assignments—no additional points assigned for this competency).</i>
Collaboration and consultation with teachers, school staff, administrators, parents, and caregivers.	Assignment: Collaboration and Consultation Case Study —In small groups, students will develop a scenario where a student is struggling academically and/or behaviorally. Groups will create a consultation plan in collaboration with necessary school stakeholders (e.g. student, teachers, parent, school administrator, or any relevant school personnel). Each group will conduct a 20-30 minute role-play to demonstrate how	5. G. 1. D. n. c. d. f; 5.G.2, a. b, d, j; 5.g.3.d, f, g, h, l, j, k, l, n, o.	January 17, 2021 (presented in class). Addressed throughout through the course readings.	20 points total Groups will be scored based on their ability to demonstrate ASCA-based standards and professional qualities in the role play.

	the student will be provided with resources and appropriate support.			
Core counseling skills and mental health responsiveness in a school setting.	<p>Addressed through: course lecture, small and large group discussions, and assignments.</p> <p>Assignments: Core Counseling Skill and Mental Health Considerations Role Play—Students will get in pairs of two and develop a scenario of a young person in crisis. Pairs will take turns being the counselor and the young person in a role play.</p>	5.G.1.b, d, a; 5.G.2., d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l, m, n; 5.3.a,d, f, h, l, j, k, l, m.	<p>Completed in-class on the second weekend of the course.</p> <p>Addressed throughout through the course readings.</p>	<p>20 points total</p> <p>Students will be assessed individually based on their ability to adhere to core counseling skills and knowledge of the mental health problem demonstrated in the roleplay.</p>
Lesson planning and effective delivery of guidance curriculum.	<p>Addressed through: Lecture, in-class discussions, course readings, large group, and small group activities.</p> <p>Assignment: In-class activity regarding classroom management and effective course delivery.</p>	5.G.1.b, d, a; 5.G.2., d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l, m, n; 5.3.a,d, f, h, l, j, k, l, m.	<p>Addressed in the first weekend of the course and throughout course readings.</p> <p>Assignment will be planned by small groups and completed in class.</p>	<p>10 Points—Assessed in-class in small groups through the group’s ability to communication</p>
Dropout prevention and student engagement strategies for historically underserved student populations.	<p>Addressed through: Lecture, in-class discussions in small and large groups.</p> <p>Assignment: Dropout prevention and student engagement case study (Individual Student Assignment). Students will create a case study of a student who is considering dropping out of school. Utilizing the Educational Milestones model presented in the first weekend of the course to address how the school counselor will assist the student in the case study to create a plan in relation to</p>	5.G.1.b, d, a; 5.G.2., d, e, f, g, h, i, k, l, m, n; 5.3.a,d, f, h, l, j, k, l, m.	<p>Content Addressed in the first weekend of the course.</p> <p>Date Due: January 29, 2021</p>	<p>30 Points—Assessed through written case study and plan submitted individually through Canvas.</p>

	Attendance, Behavior, and Course Completion.			
School counselors as leaders, advocates, and agents of systemic change.	<p>Addressed through: Lectures, in-class activities and discussions in small and large group formats.</p> <p><i>Assignment (see above):</i> Included in Comprehensive School Counselor Framework, Collaboration and Consultation Case Study, and Core Counseling Skill and Mental Health Considerations Role Play.</p>	5.G.1a, b, c, f, m, n.	Addressed in all days of the course and throughout course readings.	(See points for related assignments—no additional points assigned for this competency).
Professional organizations that support school counselors and enhance the school counseling profession.	<p>Addressed through: Lectures, in-class discussions in small and large group format.</p>	5.G.1a, b, c, f, m, n.	Addressed in the first week of class and throughout course readings.	(No additional points assigned for this competency—included in attendance points).

Total Points **226**

Grading: Final letter grades will be assigned based on the following distribution:

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	90-92	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62

C+ 77-79

F Below 60

***The instructor may make changes to the syllabus as the course proceeds. If this is necessary these changes will be announced in class.