

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Couple and Family Dynamics

Course Number and Section

PASTTHEO

5330B 550

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Course Description:

An introduction to couple and family issues and dynamics. Family and couple life cycles, attachment, parenting and couple education, marriage preparation, couple conflict and communication, separation and divorce are explored from the perspective of congregational ministry. Students will practise basic counselling skills related to couples and families.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

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| 1.1 Integrate a theory of human psychological functioning. |
| 1.2 Work within a framework based upon established psychotherapeutic theory. |
| 1.5 Integrate knowledge of human and cultural diversity. |
| 3.8 Assist client with needs for advocacy and support. |
| 4.5 Structure and facilitate the therapeutic process |
| 5.1 Remain current with professional literature. |

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Students required to use same edition as listed below:

Walsh, Froma. (Ed.). (2015). Normal family processes: Growing diversity and complexity (4rd ed.). New York, NY: The Guilford Press. (Paperback now available through online vendors.) [~\$80-\$112]

Transitional Council, College of Registered Psychotherapists in Ontario. (2012). Entry-to-practice competency profile for registered psychotherapists. Web accessed: July 7, 2014. (available free on OWL)

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Topic Presentation	tbd	30
Family Study Project	03/31/2026	50
Class participation	n/a	20

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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In-course Costs

\$112.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].