

PSYC*7994, Course Outline: Fall 2025, Winter 2026

General Information

Course Title: PSYC*7994 Cognitive Behaviour Therapy Practicum

Course Description: This course is intended to foster clinical psychology graduate student training in cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) and will include didactic and experiential components. Students will gain competency with the theory and practice of CBT for child and adolescent mental health challenges, gain facility with treatment manuals and undertake at least two ongoing therapy cases with a CBT approach.

Credit Weight: 1.0

Academic Department (or campus): Psychology

Semester Offering: Fall 2025, Winter 2026

Class Schedule and Location: Maplewoods, Thursdays 8:30am – 11:20

Instructor Information

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Course Content

Specific Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Explain cognitive and behavioural conceptual models pertinent to children and adolescents and the research that supports them.
2. Explain commonly used techniques and procedures of CBT.
3. Develop case formulations concerning child and adolescent clients using a cognitive- behavioural framework.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in the implementation of behavioral techniques such as behavioral activation, activity scheduling, graded task assignment, graded exposure, and relaxation training.

5. Demonstrate proficiency in the implementation of cognitive techniques such as thought records and other means to challenge distorted thinking.
6. Demonstrate novice competency in the treatment of child and adolescent clients using cognitive-behavioural therapy by working with 1 client at the Maplewoods Centre. This includes: collaborative empiricism, psychoeducation, session structuring, challenging negative thinking, self-instruction, Socratic method, homework assignment and therapeutic alliance in video-recorded sessions.
7. Demonstrate competency in assessing and monitoring treatment process and progress.
8. Demonstrate skill in effective written and verbal communication.
9. Identify key ethical considerations in implementing cognitive-behavioural therapy and psychotherapy more generally with children and adolescents.
10. Demonstrate professional and ethical behavior when working with children, adolescents, and families in a therapeutic context.
11. Engage in ways to prepare for and benefit most from clinical supervision (both individual and group supervision).
12. Self-reflect on own professional development (e.g., clinical goal setting and monitoring, exploration of strengths and areas for further development, self-awareness).

The above learning outcomes align with CCAP competencies as outlined below.

CCAP Competencies & Facets	Level*	Specific LO
Professionalism & Interpersonal Relationships 1. Demonstrates knowledge of self (e.g., motivation, culture, resources, values, personal biases, factors that may influence the professional relationship such as limits) 2. Demonstrates knowledge of others, including the macro- (e.g., work, national norms, etc.) and micro-environments (e.g., personal differences, family, culture, gender differences, etc.) in which people function 3. Engages in a professional level and style of conduct and deportment (e.g., organization, timeliness, dress and hygiene, practicing within one's competence) 4. Establishes and maintains trust and respect in the professional relationship (e.g., follows-through on commitments, proactively seeks out supervision when necessary) 5. Establishes and maintains professional relationships with clients from all populations served and appropriate interdisciplinary relationships with colleagues and learners	Basic	10,11,12
	Basic	3,6,10,11,12
	Advanced	10,12
	Advanced	11,12
	Advanced	10,11,12
6. Engages in reflective practice and adjusts personal approach, as needed, in professional contexts (e.g., self-care, communicating with colleagues, seeking supervision or feedback)	Basic	10,11,12

Assessment & Evaluation 1. Demonstrates knowledge of human populations served and human development 2. Demonstrates knowledge of and selects appropriate psychological assessment methods, based on psychometric properties and evidence base, across referral and practice areas (e.g., cognitive, personality, diagnostic, strengths) 3. Appropriately applies assessment methods (standardized measures and clinical interviewing), consistent with case formulation, and scores and interprets assessment data 4. Demonstrates knowledge of diagnostic systems including DSM-5 and others (e.g., ICD-10) and effective skills in making a diagnosis when appropriate 5. Demonstrates knowledge of and ability to conceptualize cases with consideration to intra-, inter-personal, and systemic contexts, along with strengths 6. Demonstrates skill in effective written and verbal communication (e.g., results from assessment, diagnostic feedback) 7. Demonstrates skill in developing recommendations and action plan based on assessment findings	Intermediate	3,6,10
	Intermediate	7
	Intermediate	7
	Intermediate	3
	Basic	3
	Basic	8
	Basic	3
Intervention & Consultation 1. Demonstrates knowledge of major evidenced-based intervention theories and approaches with individuals and systems (e.g., children, families, groups, organizations). This includes demonstrating respect for the positive aspects of all major intervention approaches, with an openness to varied viewpoints and approaches 2. Demonstrates knowledge of the relation between assessment and intervention 3. Effectively selects, plans, implements, evaluates, and modifies interventions; this includes awareness of when to refer and/or terminate the intervention and the use of evidence-based measures 4. Demonstrates skills in documentation, and both written and verbal communication, regarding intervention process, progress, and termination 5. Assesses and evaluates intervention progress and modifies the intervention as indicated including but not limited to use of evidence-based measures	Intermediate	1,2
	Intermediate	7
	Basic	4,5,6,7
	Intermediate	8
	Intermediate	7
Ethics & Standards 1. Demonstrates knowledge of major ethical principles, issues, and dilemmas, and common professional issues relevant to the practice of psychology 2. Demonstrates knowledge of standards and codes of professional conduct 3. Demonstrates knowledge of jurisprudence and legislation in relation to psychology 4. Proactively Identifies and conceptualizes potential	Advanced	9,10
	Advanced	9,10
	Intermediate	9,10
	Intermediate	9,10

and actual ethical issues and dilemmas, using key ethical codes (i.e., CPA, TCPS), relevant jurisprudence and legislation, and CPA ethical decision-making process in resolving professional and ethical issues. 5. Implements ethical concepts, codes of conduct, legislation, and consultation into professional practice.	Intermediate	10
Supervision 1. Demonstrates knowledge of the multiple roles, responsibilities, and acquisition of competencies in supervision (i.e., of supervisor and supervisee) 2. Demonstrates knowledge of models, theories, and techniques of supervision, including evaluation methods within and of the supervisory process 3. Demonstrates knowledge of the ethical, legal, and contextual issues of supervision (including both supervisor and supervisee) 4. Identifies supervision goals and learning objectives, and tracks progress in achieving these goals 5. Engages effectively in the supervision process (individual, peer, and group supervision) as supervisee (e.g., prepared for supervision, openness to supervision, participation in collaborative supervision process, aware of limits, fosters open and participatory climate). 6. Supervises learners effectively through individual, peer, and/or group supervision processes (e.g., openness to supervision, prepared, aware of limits, fosters open and participatory climate)	Intermediate Basic Basic Basic Intermediate Basic	11 11 11 11,12 11 11

*This is the level of competency expected by the end of the course.

Lecture Content:

The above learning outcomes will be met through structured didactics as well as direct work with a therapy client. Specifically, students will meet weekly for didactic components covering a range of CBT and behavioral parent training techniques. Once oriented to CBT, students will be assigned a therapy case at the Maplewoods Centre. During the Winter semester, it is expected that students will have approximately 1 hour a week of therapy delivery associated with the course. Students will meet with their instructor and/or teaching assistant on a weekly basis for group and individual supervision to discuss video-taped therapy sessions, session notes, and to plan for ongoing therapy.

Course Assignments and Tests:

Assignment or Test	Due Date	Contribution to Final Mark (%)	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Clinical competence in CBT	Weekly (informal) and end of Winter semester (formal)	30%	1-10
Participation and engagement in experiential activities	Weekly	20%	1, 2, 7, 9, 11, 12
Client documentation	Every other week	20%	3, 8
Tape viewing and supervision notes	Every other week	15%	9, 12
Final case presentation	March 2024	15%	1, 2, 3, 7-9, 12

Additional Notes:

1. Clinical Competence in CBT: Students will gain competence in CBT through didactics as well as the direct clinical application of learned skills. Students will build their skillset primarily in the Fall semester and apply their skills in their clinical work with 1 therapy case (primarily in the Winter semester). All client sessions will be video-taped and evaluated for clinical competency and treatment adherence by the instructor or teaching assistant. Feedback will be provided on a regular basis during individual and group supervision. More formalized evaluations will occur at end of term.
2. Participation and engagement in experiential activities: Students are expected to come to class prepared by completing assigned readings for the discussion of CBT theory and practice (when applicable). Students are also expected to come prepared to engage in experiential activities. These activities may include discussion, modelling of skills, and role-plays. These are meant to prepare students for therapy sessions with actual clients by offering an opportunity to familiarize oneself with the specific therapeutic approaches.
3. Client Documentation: Students are expected to hone their skills writing concise, accurate and useful session notes to document their clinical work. Documentation may also include assessment, conceptualization, and treatment planning reports (when applicable).
4. Tape Viewing Log and Supervision Notes: Students are expected to come prepared to supervision to discuss their own growth and development as therapists with additional notes outlining their personal process with delivering CBT, reactions to clients, inferences about clients that do not belong in session notes and general success and challenges as novice therapists. To accomplish this, students will regularly watch their session recordings and identify discussion points (e.g., areas of strength/challenge, questions, reactions).

5. Case Presentations: During the Winter semester, students will provide a case presentation about their client from a thoughtful and unique lens (i.e., not just a start-to-finish recounting of the course of treatment). Presentations are expected to be around 30 minutes.

Final examination date and time: NA

Final exam weighting: NA

Course Resources

Required Texts:

None

Cost of Texts:

The PracticeWise resource (under 'Other Resources' below) is \$34.00USD for a 6-month subscription.

Recommended Texts:

Bannink, Fredrike (2012). *Practicing Positive CBT*. John Wiley & Sons: West Sussex, UK

Friedberg, R. D., & McClure, J. M. (2002). *Clinical Practice of Cognitive Therapy with Children and Adolescents: The Nuts and Bolts*. Guilford Press: New York.

Other Resources:

Chorpita, B. F., & Weisz, J. R. (2009). *MATCH-ADTC: Modular approach to therapy for children with anxiety, depression, trauma, or conduct problems*. PracticeWise.

Course Policies

Grading Policies

This course is not graded but rather a SAT/UNSAT grade will be assigned at the end of the Winter semester. Students will receive regular written and oral feedback about their performance in the course with respect to competencies that need to be demonstrated. All components of the course are to be completed with sufficient competency to earn a SAT or satisfactory rating.

[Graduate Grade interpretation](#)

Course Policy regarding use of electronic devices and recording of lectures:

Electronic recording of classes is expressly forbidden without consent of the instructor. When recordings are permitted, they are solely for the use of the authorized student and may not be reproduced, or transmitted to others, without the express written consent of the instructor.

University Policies

Disclaimer:

Please note that a revision of the format of course offerings, changes in classroom protocols, and academic schedules is occasionally required. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. This includes on-campus scheduling during the semester, mid-terms and final examination schedules.

Academic Consideration

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the academic calendar for information on regulations and procedures for

Academic Consideration:

[Grounds for Academic Consideration](#)

Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community, faculty, staff, and students to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring.

University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection. Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the [Graduate Calendar](#):

Illness

Medical notes will not normally be required for singular instances of academic consideration, although students may be required to provide supporting documentation for multiple missed assessments or when involving a large part of a course (e.g., final exam or major assignment).

Accessibility

The University of Guelph is committed to creating a barrier-free environment. Providing services for students is a shared responsibility among students, faculty and administrators. This relationship is based on respect of individual rights, the dignity of the individual and the University community's shared commitment to an open and supportive learning environment. Students requiring service or accommodation, whether due to an identified, ongoing disability or a short-term disability should contact [Student Accessibility Services](#) as soon as possible.

For more information, contact SAS at 519-824-4120 ext. 54335 or email accessibility@uoguelph.ca or the [Student Accessibility Services Website](#)

Student Feedback Questionnaire

These questionnaires (formerly course evaluations) will be available to students during the last 2 weeks of the semester. Students will receive an email directly from the Student Feedback Administration system which will include a direct link to the questionnaire for this course. During this time, when a student goes to login to Courselink, a reminder will pop-up when a task is available to complete.

[Student Feedback Questionnaire](#)

Drop date

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is Friday November 28, 2025. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the [Schedule of Dates in the Academic Calendar](#).

Instructors must provide [meaningful and constructive feedback, at minimum 20% of the final course grade, prior to the 40th class day](#). For courses which are of shorter duration, 20% of the final grade must be provided two-thirds of the way through the course.

[Current Graduate Calendar](#)