

PSY 627
STUDY GUIDE TO

Multiple Choice (in class) portion of Final Exam

Confidentiality vs informed consent vs privileged communication

Duty to Warn and Tarasoff

Mandated Child Abuse reporting

Inclusions for limits of confidentiality

Hedlund ruling

Biases in cultural competency issues

Elder Abuse reporting

Dual relationships

Role of religion or spiritual issues in counseling

Ethics concerning treatment of homosexuals

Conditions for malpractice

Possible harm resulting from dual relationships

Possible actions taken by the board in response to violations of ethics codes

Lazarus vs. Bory's view of dual relationships

Sexual misconduct codes of conduct and legal ethical ramifications

Personality types of therapists who engage in sexual misconduct

Harmful effects of sexual misconduct

Ethics of Diagnosis and views of Szasz

Rational for therapy for therapists

California Law regarding confidentiality with HIV/AIDS?

Ethics under managed care and HMO

Ethical issues in suicide

Types of Countertransference responses and ways of dealing with countertransference

Take Home Essay Questions

These are due not later than Saturday evening, no exceptions. Brief answers are acceptable, provided that you clearly answer the question.

1. Trang is a Vietnamese woman who enters into treatment complaining of stomach aches, headaches and fatigue. She was referred by her physician after numerous evaluations revealed no physical cause for her symptoms. Trang admits that home life is "hard" and that she and her husband haven't been getting along well for quite some time. She admits that they fight, but is vague and avoidant when questioned regarding physical abuse issues. Her husband is Caucasian, and his family are her only contacts in the US. They tend to be critical of her. She has no contact with her family back home, and is extremely sad about this, stating she misses them a great deal. Her mother is proud that she married a successful man. She is unemployed and doesn't work because her husband disapproves of her getting a job. (6pts)

Describe how Western and Eastern values might facilitate and/or interfere with her treatment, giving specific examples from the case illustration.

2. List six reasons why therapists violate ethics according to lecture (6 points)

3. Discuss Szasz' views regarding suicide/end of life issues, and provide a possible counter argument To his views. (6pts)

4. Jeff, a 27 year old Caucasian male comes to you for treatment and discloses that he is gay. He also informs you that his little sister was molested by his father, a church elder, when she was 7 or 8. He states that he father admitted to the molest, but it was never dealt with beyond family discussion. He has been depressed for about six months since he told his parents about his orientation and they responded by cutting off all communications with him. Jeff admits that he has had thoughts of wanting to kill his father, as well as recent suicidal ideation with no specific plans. In addition, the parents have entered into treatment with a psychiatrist in order to help Jeff, and the psychiatrist calls you to consult. He faxes you a release of information signed by both parents. He states that he thinks Jeff is doing great harm to the family by his actions, and describes the molest of the sister by the father as "low-level incest" stating that it was not the type that would be particularly traumatic or lead to long-term problems." He asks you to give your impressions regarding the family issue. (TRUE CASE BY THE WAY!) (8pts)

What are the potential countertransferences or biases which might arise in a therapist treating Jeff? How would you handle values-conflicts in the case?

Discuss what ethical issues apply to the case and what action should be taken.

5. Mary is working in a clinic as an intern. She has disclosed to you , her supervisor, that in the past she was in an abusive relationship, and feels positive about her ability to work with men in therapy and how she is developing in her personal therapy as well as her skills as a therapist. One day after leading an anger management group, she informs you, her supervisor, that her purse is missing. She

is very upset, and feels certain that it was one of the men in her anger management group who was responsible for the loss. She demands that you call the police immediately and that they investigate all members of the group.

Describe what thoughts and feelings might be playing out for you in this situation. What approach would you take to the situation.

If the intern were a male with no history such as Mary's how might you respond?

(4pts)