



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Family Counselling

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#### Learning area

2: Knowledge and skills useful to understand and change the relations among individuals and the psychosocial processes underlying groups, organizations and social systems

#### Learning objectives

##### *Knowledge and understanding*

- Different theoretical models of counselling psychology and family counselling
- Knowing of the peculiar aspects of the counsellor as a professional in the specific field of psychology.
- Theoretical and methodological assumptions of the psychodynamic counselling with a specific focus on adolescence and young adulthood; theoretical, clinical and methodological assumptions of psychodynamic counselling for issues related to parenting and the parents/children relationship, considered in the different phases and in different types of families

##### *Applying knowledge and understanding*

- Recognition of the theoretical concepts as they are applied in practice
- In-depth analysis of the topics presented, to be carried out in small groups
- Discussion of clinical examples and identification of the problematic aspects of the different situations.

#### Contents

**Family Counselling** lessons will focus on the presentation of the indications, objectives, and methodology of the psychodynamic intervention in relation to critical events and phases in the family life cycle, access to parenting in

the different types of family and in different risk conditions.

## **Detailed program**

- Transition and access to parenthood in different types of families
- Evaluation of parental representations
- Conflicts and disruption regarding parenthood, with reference to perinatality and risk conditions
- Models of counseling with parents and children: psychodynamic counseling and counseling with video-feedback, the use of the mentalization construct in counseling

## **Prerequisites**

Developmental Psychology and Psychodynamic Psychology

## **Teaching methods**

In the Covid-19 emergency period, classes will be held with asynchronously remote video lessons and videoconferencing events that will be communicated by the teacher once the course has started;

All the material (scientific articles, slides) will be available on the e-learning site, so that it can also be used by non-attending students.

Attending students who wish to do so, are given the opportunity to deepen some topics of the course, through the presentation of group work, which focuses on the deepening of topics related to psychological counselling.

## **Assessment methods**

The verification of learning will be carried out through an written exam aimed at verifying the specific knowledge of the main theoretical aspects covered in the course.

Participation in the optional activities (group work presentation) proposed during the course contributes to the final mark (only for attending students).

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## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Detailed information about the program will be published on the page of the e-learning website.

