

**AMBERTON UNIVERSITY**  
**SYLLABUS FOR LECTURE/CLASSROOM COURSE**

**CSL6880.01 School Counseling: Practicum III**

**SPRING 2023**

**Location: Garland**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

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Level: Graduate

Beginning Date of Session: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Ending Date of Session: Thursday, May 18, 2023

The first class meeting is **Wednesday, March 15 @ 6:30 p.m.** on ZOOM (mtg. info provided on Moodle)

All Monday-Thursday lecture classes begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

All Saturday lecture classes begin promptly at 8:30 a.m.

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:**

CSL6875

**TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Title: Building Trauma-Sensitive Schools  
 Author: Jen Alexander  
 Publisher: Paul H. Brooks  
 Year Published: 2019  
 Edition: 1st  
 ISBN: 13: 9781681252452  
 Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Title: Multi-tiered Systems of Support (pamphlet)  
 Author: Gary Schaffer  
 Publisher: National Professional Resources  
 Year Published: 2019  
 Edition: 1st  
 ISBN: 13: 9781949961096  
 Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Title: Section 504: Key Information & Classroom Accommodations (pamphlet)  
 Author: Sandra Rief  
 Publisher: National Professional Resources  
 Year Published: 2017  
 Edition: 2nd  
 ISBN: 13: 9781938539831  
 Price: Available at <http://amberton.ecampus.com>

Amberton University has an agreement with eCampus.com to provide a full-service online bookstore to students. The Amberton University Virtual Bookstore is accessible through the University's website, [www.Amberton.edu](http://www.Amberton.edu). There is also a bookstore link in the Student Portal. The AU Virtual Bookstore provides an easy to use interface, online buyback of books, and same day shipment of most titles with an average delivery time of 2-3 days depending on the student's location. Textbook options include new, used, rental, and electronic media as available.

Since no books are sold on campus, students should plan accordingly and purchase their books in advance of the first day of class, allowing time for shipping. Be certain you are enrolled in the course before purchasing your book(s). All textbook information (Title, Author, ISBN, etc.) is available in course syllabi so students can shop competitively. Most textbooks can be purchased from many different textbook vendors. Some textbooks may only be available on the University's Virtual Bookstore. Students should be careful to obtain the exact resource(s) required for the course.

## **LINKS TO COUNSELING HANDBOOKS**

### **MA in Professional Counseling**

<https://www.amberton.edu/media/Files/2020-2021%20Professional%20Counseling%20Handbook.pdf>

### **MA in Marriage and Family Therapy**

[https://www.amberton.edu/media/Files/2020-2021\\_MFT\\_Handbook.pdf](https://www.amberton.edu/media/Files/2020-2021_MFT_Handbook.pdf)

### **MA in School Counseling**

<https://www.amberton.edu/media/Files/2021-2022%20School%20Counselor%20Handbook.pdf>

## **APA Requirement**

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. This resource, revised according to the 7th edition, offers examples for the general format of APA research papers, in-text citations, endnotes/footnotes, and the reference page. For more information, please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, (7th ed.). All coursework at Amberton University will comply with the standards contained in the APA Publication Manual.

## **SCHOOL COUNSELING PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM CHANGE**

Beginning Fall 2019, there will be three practicums: CSL6870, CSL6875, AND CSL6880. The TExES (Texas Examination of Educator Standards) must be passed before enrolling in CSL6870. The TExES application form and practice tests are located in the TExES Review Course in Moodle. The Application and Contract are required at the first meeting of CSL6870 Practicum I and are in the Review Course. Effective September 1, 2019, the Master of Arts School Counseling degree will be a forty-eight (48) hour degree program for students entering the program.

## **COURSE COMPETENCIES:**

The following represents the course competencies for this class. Competencies are equivalent for all lecture and distance learning courses. Following each competency is the assignment used to gain mastery of this area of study.

This course is a stand-alone course and cannot be taken simultaneously with any other courses. The course is designed for school counseling students to comply with TAC 228.35. The course allows for more extensive practicum experiences for the MA in School Counseling students. The course will enable students to be in a school counseling center for a complete school year cycle. This extended cycle is commensurate with a complete field experience within the expectations of the Texas Education Agency of 160 total clock hours. This course will require a minimum of sixty hours in addition to the 100 hours from two previous practicums, for a minimum of 160 total clock hours.

The course will offer extended field experiences in demonstrating the student's ability to implement a comprehensive guidance program according to state requirements. A complete participation in the school calendar year offers a wider range of exposure to the four facets of the Texas Guidance Plan: guidance curriculum, response services, individual planning, and system support.

**UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE STUDENT WILL BE COMPETENT IN:**

1. Conceptualizing cases of school counseling in academic and behavioral situations.
2. Applying advocacy and social justice principles to school counseling culture.
3. Identifying mental health and social service referral resources for school community.
4. Evaluating ethical and legal standards within the school culture.
5. Demonstrating understanding of diverse cultures in the school community.
6. Incorporating peer supervision principles for consultation interaction.
7. Identifying professional organizations that support the school counselor.
8. Researching and presenting current topic(s) in school counseling.
9. Identifying school protocol for suicidal ideation and threats of violence.
10. Participating in cohort supervision group.
11. Demonstrating management of comprehensive school counseling program.
12. Demonstrating collaborative skills with school community stakeholders for student success.
13. Creating and presenting a school counseling digital portfolio for interviewing purposes.
14. Developing and implementing a comprehensive individual self-care plan for reduction of school counseling job-related stress.
15. Applying and demonstrating chosen counseling theory and skills with school students.
16. Demonstrating understanding and competence in the implementation of MTSS and the roles and tasks of school counselors in special education.

**COURSE POLICIES:**

Students are expected to meet all TEA requirements for Practicum-III and complete all assignments satisfactorily to proceed to graduation & certification as school counselors. Some class sessions may be held on the Garland campus and others will be held on Zoom. Students are expected to be present for all scheduled classes. Information about Zoom meeting schedule will be on Moodle.

***Student's Responsibilities***

This syllabus contains information, policies, and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the policies, rules, regulations, and ethical standards of Amberton University as contained in the current university catalog and schedule of classes.

***Attendance Policy:***

Regular and punctual class attendance and engagement is expected at Amberton University. In case of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor as soon as possible. If a student intends on withdrawing from a course, it is the student's responsibility to follow the university's policy on formally withdrawing from a course. **Ceasing to attend classes does not constitute an official withdrawal.**

Attendance in a lecture course is defined as punctual arrival to, and engagement in, a full lecture session. Attendance in a distance learning course is defined as active participation in the weekly online class sessions. "Active participation" can be defined as: submitting an academic assignment, taking an exam, engaging in an interactive tutorial, participating in an online discussion forum (or chat session), or initiating (or responding to) a communication with a faculty member about an academic assignment or the subject matter of the course. A student not meeting these requirements may be dropped at the discretion of Amberton University.

***Plagiarism Policy***

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as though it were your own. If you use another person's words, ideas, or information; or if you use material from an outside source – whether a book, magazine,

newspaper, business publication, broadcast, speech, or electronic media – you must acknowledge that source. Plagiarism is a violation of the University’s code of student ethical conduct and is one that is taken seriously. Amberton University operates on an honor system; therefore, honesty and integrity are essential characteristics of all who are associated with the institution. All Amberton students are expected to abide by the honor system and maintain academic integrity in all their work. Amberton University and its instructors monitor student work for plagiarism and reserve the right to submit such work to technology-based plagiarism detection services and applications at any time.

Students agree that by taking this course, all required assignments may be subject to submission for a textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in future papers. Use of Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com website.

Turnitin is a writing improvement and plagiarism prevention tool which uses special algorithms, to compare text-based student submissions to the Turnitin database and other online sources. Turnitin produces a detailed **similarity report** that can be customized and viewed by instructors and students.

Turnitin “Draft Coach” is a Google based add-on to Turnitin which supports students in developing high-quality academic writing; and serves as an integrity coach. Draft Coach, helps address errors and improve the quality of student’s writing by highlighting grammar mistakes, identifying incorrectly cited sources, and scanning for similarity across several databases. By providing formative feedback on how to address citation issues, incorrect grammar, and matches with the Turnitin database, Draft Coach provides explanations to help students become more confident writers, capable of producing higher quality work both in academics and in the workplace.

#### **COURSE DELIVERY METHODOLOGY:**

This course is offered as a Lecture/Classroom course. This course requires that students meet a designated time in the classroom-either on Zoom or in-person. Students are required to conduct a Group Counseling Observation & develop a Digital Portfolio for use in seeking employment as school counselors.

#### **COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR:**

BTSS= Building Trauma-Sensitive Schools text

**ZOOM Mtg. dates are on: WEEKS 1,3,5,7, & 9**

Week	Topic	Assignment	Competencies Covered	Due Date
<b>WEEK ONE</b> March 11-17 <b>Meet on ZOOM</b> <b>Wednesday @</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Complete Prac-III forms, continue Log, SS wkly. mtgs. Meet with Site Supervisor re: signed permission forms for group members for Group Counseling Observation	Readings: BTSS Chap. 6	1-15	03-17 Register for Graduation—see instructions on Moodle
WEEK TWO March 18-24 No ZOOM Mtg.	Set Group Counseling Mtg. start date w/SS (4 mtgs req.)	Readings: BTSS Chap. 7	1-15	03-24
WEEK THREE March 25-31 <b>ZOOM Mtg.</b>	Group Counseling Session #1 & process note	Readings: BTSS Chap. 8	1-15	03-31

WEEK FOUR April 1-7  No Zoom Mtg.	Group Counseling Session #2 & process note	Readings: BTSS Chap. 9	1-15	04-07
WEEK FIVE April 8-14  <b>ZOOM Mtg.</b>	Group Counseling Session #3 & process note	Readings: BTSS Chap. 10  MTSS Pamphlet & readings	1-15	04-14
WEEK SIX April 15-21  No ZOOM Mtg.	<b>Group Counseling Observation Session #4 &amp; process note</b>	Readings: BTSS Chap. 11  Digital Portfolio Mission Statement  FORUM # 1	1-15	04-21 <b>Submit Video of Group Counseling Session #3 or # 4 to Field Supervisor DUE: 04-21</b>  Forum #1 due: 04-21  <b>Mission Statement due: 04-21</b>
WEEK SEVEN April 22-28  <b>ZOOM Mtg.</b>	Write Group Counseling for Session # 4 & Submit 4 process notes on Moodle  Summative Eval to Site Supervisor	FORUM # 2	1-15	Forum #2 due: 04-28
WEEK EIGHT April 29- May 05  No Zoom Mtg.		FORUM # 3	1-15	Forum #3 due:05-05  <b>Summative Evaluation Due: 05-05</b>
WEEK NINE May 06-12  <b>ZOOM Mtg.</b>		504 Pamphlet & readings, discussion	1-15	<b>Digital Portfolio Due: 05-12</b>
WEEK TEN May 13-18  No Zoom Mtg.			1-15	<b>All work must be submitted by 05-17-23 to graduate.</b>

**CSL6880.01 GRADING CRITERIA:**

Class Participation  
Log & Site Supervision Notes

10% (attendance at scheduled classes)

20% (Log hours total=160 hrs. for all 3 practicums, SS signs)

Summative Evaluation	20% (graded by Site Supervisor)
Group Observation & Case Notes	20% (signed by Field Supervisor)
FORUMS (3)	15%
Digital Portfolio	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

Graduate	
92 – 100	A
82 – 91	B
72 – 81	C
62 – 71	D
Below 62	F

### **GRADE NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTOR FEEDBACK:**

Each assignment/exam submitted will be reviewed, graded and return to the student in a timely manner, along with appropriate commentary.

Final grades are processed approximately one week after the last day of the session and may be located in the My Grades section of the online registration portal as well as being emailed to the student's Amberton University email. Amberton University staff will not release grades over the phone. University instructors will not leave a message with comments or grades in any type of media that is not secure.

For questions regarding grades after the semester has ended, students should use their email account and contact the instructor at the faculty email address as provided above in *Professor Information* area.

### ***Incomplete Grades***

An "I" (incomplete grade) is given at the discretion of the professor and may be given only when an emergency or illness prevents the student from completing course requirements. Should an "I" be granted, the student has 30 days from the end of the session to complete the conditions of the incomplete. An "I" which is not properly removed within 30 days following the session enrolled will become an "F" grade.

### ***How to Withdraw From a Course***

To be official, the class withdrawal must be in writing and signed by the student requesting the withdrawal; no withdrawal is accepted verbally. Please review the "Schedule of Classes" (online or in-print) for procedures for class changes or withdrawals and the refund policy and schedule.

### **COURSE COMMUNICATIONS:**

This course is offered as a lecture course; however, several technological options are available to faculty and students that can enhance communication both during the session and after the session has ended. The **Student Portal** is the gateway to email, Remote Research, General Tools and Electronic Instructor Folders (FTP). The Student Portal may be accessed through a link on the University's website, <http://www.Amberton.edu>, or at <http://apps.Amberton.edu>.

After selecting the "Student Portal" link, you will be prompted for a Username and Password. Use your assigned **username and password** (AUID) as described below:

**Username** = your capitalized firstname **initial**+lastname+last 3 digits of your SSN.

\* Use your name exactly as it is listed on the University's records, including any suffixes or hyphenations, such as Jr, Sr, or II, as a part of your username.

For example: James Jones, Jr. SSN: 123-45-6789

Username: JJonesJr789

**Password** = your Amberton University ID# (AUID) **including the dashes**

For example: 04-999-999

Once your login has been validated, you may select from a variety of menu options, including online course materials, email access, Remote Research, General Tools, all Syllabi, Research Tutorials and Electronic Instructor Folders (FTP).

### **Email Communication**

Each student enrolled is assigned an Amberton email account, which gives the student access to the Amberton email system (my.Amberton.edu). This email account is provided by Google Apps for Education. Students are encouraged to check their email regularly for University news, notices, and to communicate with instructors.

The student's assigned email address would be Username@my.Amberton.edu

Example: LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

The student Username is determined by:

firstname initial+lastname+last 3 digits of student ssn.

For example: Linda Jones-Smith    SSN: 123-45-6789  
Email Address = LJones-Smith789@my.Amberton.edu

Students will be prompted for a Username and Password when accessing their email account. Use the Username portion of the email address as the username (Example: LJones-Smith789) and your Amberton ID# (including the dashes) as the password.

If you already have a Google gmail account, you might be prompted to add this account to your current settings. Click 'Yes' and you will be logged into your my.Amberton.edu email account. It will be a separate email account from your personal gmail account.

If you need assistance with your email account, please visit <https://support.google.com/mail>

### **The Amberton University Moodle Website**

Students enrolled in this course will also be using the Moodle Learning Platform, with access available through the Student Portal or by going to: <http://moodle.Amberton.edu>

For those utilizing Moodle for the first time, the **username and password** for the Moodle Learning Platform will be emailed to the student's email account prior to the start of the course. For those returning to Moodle who do not remember their username and password, click on the link "*Forgotten your username or password*" available on the Moodle log in page (<http://moodle.Amberton.edu>). Otherwise use the same username and password as previous session.

### **Moodle Tutorial:**

Upon successful log in and access to the Moodle learning platform, there is a *Student Moodle Tutorials* course available, to learn about the basics of Moodle. Simply click on the link for the *Student Moodle Tutorials* and read through the various learning topics: Navigating; Communicating; Assignments & Exams; Grades; and Student Resources.

### **COURSE EVALUATION:**

Each session, all Amberton students are requested to evaluate their courses. The evaluation process is an important one and provides students with an anonymous and confidential way to give meaningful feedback to the University. Summary information and comments are provided to faculty after the close of the session. Students' identities are not disclosed.

Students will be notified through the Amberton email system of the Course Evaluation procedures. Usually, the evaluations take place in class during week 9 of the session. Please take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the evaluation process.

#### **TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY COMPETENCIES:**

This course addresses the School Counselor Competencies set forth by the Texas Education Agency. These competencies are listed by course on the University's ftp site ([ftp://ftp.amberton.edu/csinfo/AU\\_TEA](ftp://ftp.amberton.edu/csinfo/AU_TEA)).

#### **RESEARCH RESOURCES:**

The Library provides access to full-text, and peer reviewed articles, and digital research tools. Students can search Library holdings through the online catalog and databases search engines available on the Library website or browse the physical library space and holdings located at the Garland campus.

Research items not contained in the Amberton Library collection can be located through interlibrary Loan (ILL) or through the TexShare program with the help of the Library staff. Students with questions about available services, resources, or research, may contact the Library via email at [Library@amberton.edu](mailto:Library@amberton.edu).

#### **RESEARCH ACCESS:**

Databases can only be accessed by authorized users, and students at Amberton must enter their Amberton ID credentials-same as Moodle login-to gain access when off-campus. Use an Amberton website, such as the University site ([Amberton.edu](http://Amberton.edu)) or the library site ([Library.amberton.edu](http://Library.amberton.edu)) to find links to databased and digital books. Online resources are available all day, every day.

#### ***Library Live Chat Feature***

Library staff are available to assist students with research problems or questions during Library hours through a live online chat feature, telephone, email, "How-to" videos, or in person. The Library telephone is (972-279-6511 ext. 136, 137, or 138. You can email questions to [library@amberton.edu](mailto:library@amberton.edu) or visit the Library in person on the Garland campus for assistance.