WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Classification of Psychopathology
COURSE NUMBER: MCC 6901

I. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A:
Demonstrate an understanding of the development of a psychopathological classification system.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

A-1 Describe the historical background of the DSM-IV-TR.
A-2 Describe the revision process of the DSM-IV-TR.
A-3 Explain the use clinical judgement.
A-4 Identify ethnic and cultural factors which relate to psychopathology.

GOAL B:
Understand the concept of multi-axial diagnoses as applied to specific cases.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

B-1 Explain the multi-axial assessment.
B-2 Demonstrate knowledge of developing of multi-axial assessment.
B-3 Demonstrate critical thinking in the diagnostic process.

GOAL C:
Understand the symptomatological dynamics of each disorder in the DSM-IV-TR, and how they specifically relate to the disorder.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

C-1 Identify problems associated with each disorder.
C-2 Identify characteristics of each disorder as stated in DSM-IV-TR.

GOAL D:
Demonstrate the use of multi-axial diagnosis through the case study method.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:
D-1 Read account of real patients.
D-2 Apply the principles of diagnoses on these patients.

**GOAL E:**
Formulate diagnostic impressions for treatment plan purposes.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

E-1 Read sample treatment plans.
E-2 Identify the diagnosis.
E-3 Formulate the treatment plan in behavioral terms for insurance, hospitalization and other uses.
E-4 Demonstrate knowledge of professional issues regarding treatment plans.
E-5 Demonstrate knowledge of ethical issues regarding treatment plans.
E-6 Demonstrate the use of multi-axial diagnosis through the case study method.

**GOAL F:**
Demonstrate knowledge of medications used in psychiatric disorders and their treatment implications.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

F-1 Demonstrate knowledge of selected medications.
F-2 Demonstrate knowledge of side effects and various problems associated with the use of these medications.

**GOAL G:**
Demonstrate knowledge of theories that explain development over the entire life span in connection with pathological problems.

**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:

G-1 Demonstrate knowledge of various views of psychopathology according to different theories, including Psychoanalytic, Cognitive and Behavioral.
G-2 Demonstrate the use of computer technology as an aid to diagnosis and treatment.