

Mental Health Case Studies

Week 15 Deadlines

- A completed discussion must be submitted in the Dropbox as a Rich Text Format (RTF), Word (DOC or DOCX), or Portable Document File (PDF) by 11:59pm Friday.
- A completed diagnosis must be posted in a discussion forum by 11:59pm Friday
- A review and analysis of another student's diagnosis must be posted by 11:59pm Sunday

Dropbox Submission Requirements

- Rich Text Format (RTF), Word (DOC or DOCX), or Portable Document File (PDF)
- Minimum of 500 words (not including citations or instructions).
- Must include 2-3 sources (textbook should be 1 source + 2 others) and use APA style citations.

Instructions

You are a student in your final year of studies before completing your Master's degree in Clinical Psychology. You are looking forward to graduating and getting that prestigious internship at the local community mental health center however you must first pass your mock-clinical evaluations as a mandatory requirement of your last psychology course required for your degree. The first component of the mock-evaluations requires you to review the following resources on diagnosing psychiatric disorders to better understand the DSM-5:

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual 5th Edition (DSM-5)

<http://psychcentral.com/dsm-5/>

Categorizing and Diagnosing Psychiatric Disorders

<http://psychcentral.com/disorders/>

Dropbox Submission Questions

Now you are ready to demonstrate your clinical skills by diagnosing one case study that is posted in the discussion area. **Please select a case study that has not already been diagnosed by another student** - you will not get credit for posting a diagnosis if the case has already been diagnosed by another student. I recommend posting a reply to the case study to claim it as yours, before doing research. Be sure to answer all of the questions below and don't forget to demonstrate critical thinking:

1. Does this client suffer from mental illness? If so, what diagnosis does this client might have?
2. If you cannot conclude a diagnosis, which category of disorder might it be based on the info you do have?
3. What symptoms led you to this diagnosis?
4. Is the client experiencing distress or impairment in his/her life?
5. What are three interesting things that you learned about this disorder? Be sure to provide an APA citation(s).

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Discussion Post

Copy and paste your diagnosis and analysis as a response to your posted case study so that other students can read the case study and your posted analysis. As always please don't post as an attachment; copy-and-paste directly into the discussion forum.

Discussion Response

You are expected to choose a different case study to analyze and evaluate whether or not you agree with the posted diagnoses of other students. Reply to one other student's diagnosis (one that has not already been discussed) and answer these questions:

- a) *Do you agree with the diagnosis? Why or why not?*
- b) *Do you think another diagnosis is indicated? If so, which diagnosis and why?*
- c) *What are 2 interesting things that you learned about this disorder? Be sure to provide an APA citation(s).*
- d) *Do you have any lingering questions as a result of this activity?*

APA Format

Students are expected to submit original work, which means that no more than 10% of the project should be quoted (or copied) material. In addition students are expected to use APA in-text citations as well as provide an APA Reference Page at the end. Information about APA format and plagiarism are posted in the Weekly Schedule. Failure to appropriately cite sources in this project may lead to an automatic ZERO score.

Tips to Maximize Points

Apply concepts and theories. Anytime you are asked to post an analysis you will be scored on your demonstrated understanding of the concepts you've learned as they relate to the topics you are discussing. Therefore to maximize points you should discuss concepts that were presented in the lesson(s) and apply them clearly when answering posted discussion questions. You are not expected to apply all of the concepts but you will be scored on how well you explain the ones that you do choose to apply in this project.

Stay actively engaged. You should be sure to pick topics that you find interested because you will feel compelled to engage in discussion with your group. If you are regularly participating in the process you will be creating opportunities to earn points by applying the concepts and theories you are learning about. There is no formula for how many times you have to post, however you are expected to post a minimum of 2 times.

Pay attention to project deadlines. If you miss a deadline you will not receive credit for that requirement.

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Penalties

Students will receive no credit for the following actions:

- Did not use APA citations = no credit
- Cannot open submission in the Dropbox = no credit
- Submission is less than 500 words (citations and instructions not included) = no credit
- Plagiarism = no credit and reported to the Dean
- More than 20% quoted information = no credit
- Did not use APA in-text or full citations = -5 points
- No submission in the Dropbox = -5 points
- Late submission in the Dropbox = -3 points
- Exceeds the 10% quotation maximum = -1 point per percentage, up to 20%.