

KSS 4875 - Exercise Counseling and Behavioral Strategies

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Course Description

4875. Exercise Counseling and Behavioral Strategies. Exercise Counseling and Behavioral Strategies Evidence-based theories and domains geared toward fostering change, growth, and self-actualization in exercise. The scientific foundations of basic exercise counseling and behavioral strategies that enable effective wellness coaching are explored. Prereq.: Junior standing. 4 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Course Book		

Foundations of Sport and Exercise Psychology. 8th Edition. Human Kinetics, ©2024.

Articles, PDFs, and any additional reading materials will be made available on Blackboard.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

All Discussion Initial Posts are Due Wednesday, The replies and Quizzes by the Sunday of that week.

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapters 1-2	Beginning Your Journey	Intro Discussion Quiz Chapters 1-2
8/31	Chapter 3	Learning About Participants	Quiz Chapter 3 Discussion Chapters 1-2
9/7	Chapters 4-5	Learning About Participants	Discussion Chapters 3-5 Quiz Chapters 4-5
9/14	Chapter 7	Understanding Sport and Exercise Environment	Discussion Chapter 7 Quiz Chapter 7
9/21	Chapter 9	Team Dynamics and Cohesion	Discussion Chapter 9 Quiz Chapter 9
9/28	Chapters 10-11	Group Processes	Discussion Chapters 10-11 Quiz Chapters 10-11
10/5	Chapter 12	Psychological Skills	Discussion Chapter 12 Quiz Chapter 12
10/12	Chapter 13	Arousal	Discussion Chapter 13 Quiz Chapter 13
10/19	Chapter 14	Imagery	Discussion Chapter 14 Quiz Chapter 14



10/26	Chapter 15	Self-Confidence	Discussion Chapter 15 Quiz Chapter 15
11/2	Chapter 16	Goal Setting	Discussion Chapter 16 Quiz Chapter 16
11/9	Chapter 17	Concentration	Discussion Chapter 17 Quiz Chapter 17
11/16	Chapter 18	Psychological Well-Being	Discussion Chapter 18 Quiz Chapter 18
11/23	Chapter 19	Exercise Behavior and Adherence	Discussion Chapter 19 Quiz Chapter 19
11/30	Chapter 22	Burnout and Overtraining	Discussion Chapter 22 Quiz Chapter 22
12/7	Final Opens December 5th	Final Closes December 10	

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