Syllabus
PT 186 Beyond Psychosis: Typology of Conflict and Defense
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Course Description
This course deals with a range of pathologies likely to be met at the Consultation and Referral Service and in current private practice. It is taken after at least one year at the fieldwork placement.

Course Objectives
The student will be able to:
- identify, describe, and discuss the psychodynamics of symptoms, core conflict, and characteristic defenses inherent in neuroses and character disorders; and
- diagnose the neurotic and character disordered in terms of drives, wishes, affects, defense, interpersonal style, and objective countertransference.

Teaching Methods
Guided discussions of assigned readings and case material presented by the instructor and the students.

Methods of Evaluation
Students are evaluated on the basis of their progressive understanding of psychopathology as evidenced by class participation and logs. A final term paper is required.

Logs: Each week students write logs describing their emotional and intellectual experience of the previous class session. Logs can be submitted to me electronically at amusolino@earthlink.net. Students’ reactions to the readings should be included.

Paper: Students will write an 8-10 page paper critically assessing one clinician’s work with a patient covered during the term. Students will research their topic using a number of electronic databases available via the library. The paper should follow APA style (e.g., see Modern Psychoanalysis) and incorporate a minimum of five different references.

Assigned Readings
Class 1
Background
Class 2
Hysteria

Class 3
Obsessions

Class 4
Anxiety and Neurosis

Class 5
Borderline (The Case of Harry-Part I)

Class 6
Borderline (The Case of Harry-Part II)

Class 7
Schizoid Personality
Optional reading:

Class 8
Depression
Class 9
Paranoid Character

Class 10
Perversions

Class 11
Impulse disorders

Class 12
Addictions and Eating Disorders
Additional Recommended Readings


