Syllabus
PT 150 Concepts of Group Psychoanalysis
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Course Description:
This course considers the phenomenology of the setting, the handling of resistances, and the management of impulses in group interactions as they pertain to the modern psychoanalytic treatment of groups, families and couples.

Course Objectives:
Students will be able to:
- Describe the phenomenology of group setting;
- Understand the methods of managing and resolving resistances; and
- Understand the group therapist’s role in managing impulses in group interactions from a modern analytic perspective

Requirements:
Students will be responsible for weekly class logs that reflect an understanding of key concepts and of class process. There will be a final paper – Due Class 10.

READINGS

Readings for this course will be drawn from the writings of Hyman Spotnitz, Phyllis Meadow, Louis Ormont and Leslie Rosenthal.

Required Textbook:

Class 1
Introduction to Course
FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

Class 2
The Group as the Family

Class 3
The Value of Resistance in Groups

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GROUP THERAPIST

Class 4
Selecting, Screening and Preparing Patients

Class 5
Developing Connections Between Group Members

Class 6
Maintaining a Therapeutic Atmosphere

Class 7
The Value of the Therapy Contract in Groups
Class 8
**Understanding and Responding to Group Resistances**

Class 9
**Managing Aggression in Groups**

Class 10
**Recognizing Subjective & Objective Countertransference in Groups**

Class 11
**Responding to Pre-Oedipal Resistances in Groups**

Class 12
Final Questions/Review of Course
Additional Recommended Readings:


