Psychology 417, Basic Counseling Skills

Study Guide: Midterm 1

- Helping Professions: Social Work, Psychiatry, MFT, etc.
- Motivations to be a Helper
- Self-exploration and role of Helper
- Areas of therapists' self-exploration
- Cognitive focused therapy
- Family Rules: Myths, Secrets, Estrangements
- Genogram work for therapist
- Rationale for self-exploration
- Erikson's Psychosocial Stages of Development (be able to identify each stage if given scenarios)
- Tendencies for beginning helpers
- Boundaries in Family systems
- Qualities of an effective helper
- Determinants of healthy therapeutic relationships
- Use of therapist's self-disclosure
- Qualities of a good treatment plan
- Therapist's theoretical orientation
- What is a diagnosis and the DSM-V
- Informed consent and the initial session
- How to deal with ethical dilemmas
- Value Conflicts and patients rights
- Treatment with LGBTQ clients
- **Causes of Malpractice**
- Purpose of professional code of ethics
- Mandates to report
- Concerns related to Insurance/managed care
- Cross Cultural issues in treatment
- Exam is 50 multiple choice questions. Covers lectures and readings. Please bring scantron.