

**Ph.D. Reading Colloquium, PSSR9304**  
**Supervised Reading in**  
**Integration Concepts, Professional Issues &**  
**Research Methods in Counseling Psychology**

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***Mission Statement of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary***

*The mission of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.*

**Core Values**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary highlights five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. While all five core values are emphasized, the primary focus for the 2014-2015 academic year is *Spiritual Vitality*. We are a worshipping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Our confessional commitments are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Throughout this course students will be encouraged to consider how the core value of “Spiritual Vitality” impacts their development as a Christian counselor called to operate in the local church.

**Course Description**

This Ph.D. reading colloquium consists of discussion periods covering integration concepts, professional issues, and research methods in counseling psychology. Discussions will cover required texts.

**Student Outcomes (Goals)**

Colloquium members will grasp the larger scope of integration concepts, professional issues, and research methods. By understanding these content areas, members will be better prepared for teaching and research in the field of psychology.

**Texts**

The texts for the colloquium are listed in the bibliography.

## Course Requirements

1. **Read the required texts** as stipulated in the schedule below. Be prepared to respond to objective questions about the content of the assigned books even if you are not responsible for leading the discussion on a particular book. **Members are responsible for taking initiative in the group discussion, demonstrating comprehension and application of the texts.**  
(30%)
  
  2. For each book, one member from the group will be assigned to **lead our discussion** of the text. The leader will be responsible for providing a brief summary of the book, offering an insightful critique, and leading the group discussion of the book.  
(30%)
  
  3. **Prepare a two-page summary/critique of each of the books on the reading list.** Critiques are due during the meeting in which the books are discussed. Critiques should contain (1) identification of key themes or ideas, (2) points of personal agreement and disagreement with the author(s) (3) significance of the book to the counseling field, (4) critique of the overall work.  
(40%)
  
  4. **Attend every meeting.** Because of the nature of the course, no absences are allowed. If emergency situations dictate an absence, the member will schedule a make-up session with the professor. Work is still due the day scheduled even if the member is absent.
- TOTAL (100%)**

## **Course Schedule**

Class will meet 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM on each of the following Fridays:

### **Friday, September 19**

*Foundations for Soul Care (Michelle)*

*The Counsel of Heaven on Earth (Steven)*

*The Limitations of Scientific Truth (Melissa)*

*All Truth is God's Truth (Group)*

### **Friday, November 14**

*Classical Pastoral Care: Vol. 3. (Ashley)*

*Philosophy of Psychology (James)*

*A History of Modern Psychology (Clayr)*

*A Christian's Guide to Critical Thinking (Ron)*

### **Friday, December 5**

*Getting Started in Private Practice (Group)*

*Research Methods for the Behavioral Sciences (Group)*

*Preparing Literature Reviews (Group)*

*Writing Empirical Research Reports (Group)*

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