

**Fall 2023**

**Assessment and Diagnosis**

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**Teaching Assistant:** James Basilio, MS, LPC

**Location:** Live Webinar

**Meeting Dates:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. (EST):

- September 12, 19, 26
- October 3, 10, 17, 24
- November 7, 14, 21, 28
- December 5

**CE's:** 18

**Cost:** \$450

**Course Description:**

The psychoanalytic practitioner is faced with communicating with the non-psychoanalytic community using the language of medicine and psychiatry while practicing from a psychoanalytic point of view. This course provides a review of assessment techniques and content along with discussions of the common DSM-5 diagnostic criteria which identifies psychopathology. Psychoanalytic theory and perspectives are incorporated as we compare and contrast mainstream psychiatry with psychoanalytic thought. Emphasis is placed on the tools of listening, observing and exploring the patient's story. Through readings, instruction, case studies and classroom discussion, we will develop, expand and refine practice skills.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Integrate psychoanalytic thought with the currently acceptable biopsychosocial model of psychopathology resulting in competent communications with other health care providers.
2. Perform a psychiatric assessment culminating in a diagnostic impression of the client utilizing the DSM-5 criteria.
3. Recognize signs and symptoms of mental illness including substance use disorders.
4. Identify diagnostic criteria for selected psychiatric disorders

**About the Instructor:**

Dr. Lorman completed his doctoral studies in applied psychology. He is also certified as a psychoanalyst, modern Freudian. He is a board-certified psychiatric nurse practitioner and also certified as an advanced practice addictions specialist. He is an assistant professor at Drexel University where he teaches in the graduate nursing program. He maintains a private practice where he works with adults and treats a full range of psychiatric disorders – mild depression to severe psychosis, and he specializes in addiction psychiatry. He utilizes a psychoanalytic-medical model and provides services that include individual and group psychotherapy, psychiatric evaluations and medication management. In addition to his academic and clinical experience, Dr. Lorman has presented seminars on various mental health topics nationally and internationally, has written multiple articles and textbook chapters and is a management and clinical consultant to several

major corporations where he provides therapeutic and group facilitation services. He has completed a *Juris Doctor* degree and consults in the areas of medical malpractice, administrative and employment law.