

## Interview Assignment

**Directions:** You are to participate in a diagnostic interview with one person that is to last at least 30 minutes. This person should be an adult over the age of 18. Each interview must be videotaped. In addition, you will turn in your notes from the interview and a brief reflection paper about the interview. During the interview, you should focus not only on obtaining the needed information from the Clinical Interview sheet, but should also focus on positive body language, positive attending behaviors, reflecting, paraphrasing, and building rapport.

Reflection Paper. This should be a two to three page typed, double-spaced, modified APA style document that reflects on your interview performance. Tell me what your goals were entering the interview. Discuss what you did well in the interview and discuss what you need to work on in future interviews. Did anything surprise you in the interview? Overall, how would you rate your performance? Give yourself a score from 1 (*extremely poor*) to 100 (*perfect*). Tell why you decided on the score you provide.

Grades. The interviews will be graded on six areas, each worth up to five points, for a total of 30 points. These areas are as follows:

*Professionalism.* Did you appear, both visually and verbally, professional?

*Body Language.* Did your body language convey interest? Did you give appropriate eye contact, lean toward the client, etc.

*Reflecting.* How well were you able to reflect both content and emotion?

*Questions.* Did you ask appropriate questions? Did you begin with open-ended ones and then move to close-ended ones? Did you follow up on appropriate leads?

*Notes.* Did you turn in the notes you took during the interview?

*Reflection Paper.* Did you appropriately reflect on your experience?

The interview will be due on the dates discussed in class.