Course Syllabus

Course Description:
This course will review selected aging issues and psychiatric disorders, plus illustrate elements of a comprehensive clinical assessment (including a mental status examination) that can be used to determine an older adult’s cognitive, and emotional status.

Course Objectives:
Upon completion of the course, students will:
1) Gain a deeper understanding of selected aging issues
2) Gain a working knowledge of the elements of a comprehensive clinical assessment, and needs assessment
3) Gain a working knowledge of the elements of a mental status examination
4) Gain a working knowledge of the criteria for late life depression and dementia

Course Content:
1) Review and understand the elements of a needs and comprehensive clinical assessment, including mental status examination (MSE)
2) Compare and contrast various Mental Status Examination tools
3) Review specific psychiatric disorders
4) Review and understand characteristics of the at-risk elder population
5) Review effective engagement strategies that allow for obtaining assessment information from elders

Methodology:
Lecture, reading assignments, class discussion, videos

Evaluation:
Three open book quizzes, paper, final examination

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