The Seven Perspectives of Psychology: A Course for High School Psychology Teachers

Course Syllabus

Course Description

This course is intended to give high school psychology teachers a better understanding of the seven perspectives of psychology. Each perspective of psychology is a lens into human behavior. This course encourages teachers to develop an eclectic understanding of human behavior, so multiple perspectives are encouraged. Each perspective in this course will be introduced and taught in a practical manner. This ensures that the teacher will leave this course with resources and manipulatives to use in their classroom. Make psychology fun!

Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Identify the seven perspectives of psychology.
2. View human behavior via each perspective.
3. Apply theory to each perspective.
4. Apply models of behavior to each perspective.
5. Apply teaching strategies to each perspective.
6. Effectively communicate how psychology is a science of human behavior.
7. Understand ethical considerations of the seven perspectives and human behavior.
8. Think critically about human behavior.

Modules

- Module 1: History and Systems, Quiz 1
- Module 2: The Cognitive Perspective, Quiz 2
- Module 3: The Behavioral Perspective, Quiz 3
- Module 4: The Biological Perspective, Quiz 4
- Module 5: The Humanistic Perspective, Quiz 5
- Module 6: The Socio (Social)-Cultural Perspective, Quiz 6
- Module 7: The Psychodynamic Perspective, Quiz 7
- Module 8: The Evolutionary Perspective, Quiz 8

Grading:

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (retakes allowed).

Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course.