

CONFERENCE COUNSELING ARABIA 2011

Call for Workshop Proposals



COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY CITY, SHARJAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
April 19-20th, 2011

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Counseling Arabia 2011 is calling for proposals for presentation at this Conference. The conference will be held at Sharjah Women's College, University City, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates on **April 19-20th, 2011**. The theme of the Conference is "Youth At The Cross Roads"

We look forward to hearing your ideas!

Conference Sub-Themes are as follows:

- Identity Formation
- Dysfunctional Families
- Privacy and Counseling
- Career Advising
- The Boyatt/She-male Phenomenon
- Victims of Domestic Violence
- The Divorced Young Adult
- Substance Abuse
- Illicit Relationships
- Best Practices in Career Counseling
- Arabizing the Counseling Profession
- Self-mutilation/ Eating Disorders/ Suicide among youth
- Common mental disorders: depression, bipolar personality, etc.
- Mental Health and the Young Male
- Academic Advising
- Counseling Professional Standards
- Religious beliefs and mental health.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Please submit ALL of the following information. Proposals will not be reviewed if the information is not complete. Please plan for an intermediate to advanced audience.

YOUR PROPOSAL MUST CONTAIN:

1. **General Information that includes ALL of the following:**

A. **Proposed title of workshop (12 word limit)**

B. **Workshop length (1.5 hours):** There will be approximately 15 1.5hour slots in the conference.

C. **Lead presenter information:** The lead presenter is our primary contact and must distribute information to all other presenters. Include name, credentials, address, work and home phone numbers, fax number, and e-mail address. (E-mail will be primary contact method).

D. **Additional presenter information:** Include all information listed above for each presenter.

E. **Level of practice (Intermediate or advanced):** Basic presentations not desired.

F. **Special Considerations:** Standard workshop set up is theater style. Please describe any special set up needs (desks, roundtables, circle, etc.) or special considerations (high noise level, etc.)?

2. Proposal abstract including ALL of the following:

A. **Paragraph description (50 words or less)** describing the topic and content of the presentation. This will be printed as the workshop description in the conference brochure.

B. **Learning objectives:** Three learning objectives for each hour of presentation.

C. **Outline:** Provide a basic outline of all content for review by the Conference Committee.

D. **Powerpoint Presentation:** submit outline of presentation on powerpoint, or full powerpoint.

3. Background information including ALL of the following:

A. **Brief biography (100 words or less)** of EACH presenter to be read as introduction.

B. **Resume or CV** for EACH presenter. Presenters will be evaluated on their expertise on the proposed topic, and on their documented experience providing professional presentations.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS February 20, 2011

By February 20, 2011, send to Margaret.wood@hct.ac.ae or flkorchy@hct.ac.ae

Call 0097165054109 or 0097165054266 with questions.

Speakers recommendations – sessions

April 19, 2011				
Plenary Session				
10:00 am	Keynote Address: Bridging the Generation Gap The 'Generation Gap' refers to the divide that exists between different generations with respect to beliefs, values, and behavior. This is especially true of the UAE, a society that has witnessed enormous change in a very short period. How do young people manage the traditional expectations of their parents while concurrently being driven in a different direction by education, globalization, technology, and social and peer group pressures? What happens to their mental health, when they fail to bridge this gap? How can professional help in this regard?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
11:30 am	Identity Formation What are the determinants of identity formation for UAE youth? How do competing forces such as the media, globalization, the internet, role models, shape the behavior of the young?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
11:30 am	Dysfunctional Families How is family structure in the UAE affecting the emotional well-being of the young? What is the impact of high divorce rates, multiple wives, domestic violence, and large families on personality formation?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
11:30 am	Confidentiality & Counseling What are the duties and responsibilities of counselors when dealing with the young? How much information should counselors share with others: parents, school administrators, social agencies, and the police.	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
11:30 am	Career Advising This session addresses the social and economic consequences of youth unemployment. What is the current state of youth unemployment in the UAE? Is there a mismatch between the products of higher education and the needs of the country? How can career-advising programs in the schools help address this problem?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
2:00 pm	'Arabizing' the Counseling Profession How does the counsellor tailor the therapeutic package to fit the client's cultural characteristics?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
2:00 pm	Domestic Violence What are the forms of domestic violence, who are the primary perpetrators, and how to support its victims?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
2:00 pm	Academic Advising			
2:00 pm	Substance Abuse How common is it, how to recognize it, and what to do about it?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
2:00 pm	Illicit Relationships How are they established, who engages in them, and how to react to them?	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3

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