Course title: Group Training 1 Credit number: 4

Type of lessons: seminar format

Number of seminars: 2 hours per week

Type of evaluation: qualified signature (regular attendance and active participation are

required)

Place in curriculum: 6th / spring term

Course prerequisites: none

Course description:

Course content:

Discussing the rules of group work; creating an atmosphere of trust; giving active and supportive attention, providing positive emotional care, giving feedbacks; comprehending and analysing behaviour patterns in group situations and simulated pedagogical situations; practising facilitating communication; planning and setting goals and developing a positive vision of the future; closing and assessment of the activity.

Learning objectives:

By the end of the course students will gain experience in

- introducing themselves within the limits offered by the group, turning to their fellows openly and with interest,
- giving feedbacks that are straight and tactful at the same time
- relating to their fellows with empathy and without prejudice

Required and optional reading

(The 3-5 most important required and optional pieces):

Required reading:

- 1. Gordon, Thomas: *Teacher Effectiveness Training*. 1974. New York, P. H. Wyden.
- 2. Burch, Noel; Gordon, Thomas: Good Relationships: What Makes Them, What Breaks Them. 2000.
- 1. Discipline as Self-Control. https://prezi.com/atuhtzxbuhwu/discipline-as-self-control-thomas-gordon/ (retrieved 14 June, 2016)

Optional reading:

- 1. Berne, Eric: *Games People Play. The Psychology of Human Relationships.* 1968. London, Andre Deutch Ltd.
- 2. Berne, Eric: What Do You Say After You Say Hello? The Psychology of Human Destiny, 1975, UK, Corgi.

Course syllabus:

- **Week 1** Introduction to group work: drafting and adopting the common rules of group work, defining the common goals of the group
- Week 2 Getting to know each other: introducing ourselves, creating an atmosphere of confidence and openness
- Week 3 Drafting straight opinions and feelings, self-communication
- Week 4 Biography overview: past and present
- Week 5 Exploring and discussing conflicts and issues that are features of the age (troubles of acquiring and undertaking the adult role)

Week 6 – Conflict resolution - situational games

Week 7 – Conflict resolution - situational games

Week 8 – Social effectiveness training in dramatic situations: improving verbal communication skills

Week 9 – Social effectiveness training in dramatic situations: improving non-verbal communication skills

Week 10 – Psychological immune competence

Week 11 – Co-operation, joint experience

Week 12 – Planning and setting goals and developing a positive vision of the future

Week 13 – Assessment of the activity, feedbacks: closing

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