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Building on the foundation of generalist courses, this student-friendly text addresses assessment within a theoretical framework that considers the use of DSM-IV and the mental status exam; includes a step-by-step walkthrough of a clinical interview and the stages of treatment; and examines various models of treatment.

## **Features**

- **A chapter on Multi-cultural practice** helps students become culturally sensitive so they can practice more effectively with racially and culturally diverse clients.
- The chapter on **key issues** has been expanded to include ethical concerns, the realities and complexities of practicing in a managed care environment, workplace safety, suicide, and therapists' self care.
- Updated chapter on **Research and Evaluation of Practice** now includes both evidence-based and empirically-based research.
- A chapter on working with children and adolescents addresses an important clientele in clinical social work practice, and includes three new case examples.
- Chapter on **feminist theory** has been expanded and re-named Relational theory.
- New content on Neurobiology has been added.
- Updated and new chapter references throughout the text reflect the latest evidence-based research on the effectiveness of various models of treatment.

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