#### 1 **Proceeding with Caution:** 2 **Integrating Cultural Humility into Multicultural Supervision** 3 **Practices with Master-Level Counseling Students** 4 5 Jonique Remisia Childs 6 7 Abstract: Based on my experience as a minority supervisor working with culturally different 8 students in training, I write to reflect on my experiences of employing multicultural supervision 9 sessions for sixteen weeks to help prepare future school counselors. This reflection's goal is to 10 show my intentional efforts to minimize subtle racial differences in the training of master-level 11 counseling students. Using the social justice and advocacy framework as a foundation, I applied 12 awareness, knowledge, and skills while demonstrating cultural humility. Reflecting back on the 13 insightful semester, I was able to create a cultural dynamic that included using self-awareness, 14 15 collaboration, and intentionality with the ability to proceed with caution for cross-cultural supervision training practices. 16 17 18 *Keywords*: cultural competency, cultural humility, intentionality, multicultural supervision 19 Background 20 21 22 My passion and process of integrating multicultural competency practices, intentionality, and cultural humility rest on the notion of wanting to implement equitable teaching practices, while 23 also fostering the ability to engage in cross-cultural relationships with my students who 24 represented different ethnic backgrounds from myself. My choice to include cultural humility in 25 my multicultural supervision framework rests on several inclinations that benefited me and my 26 students. First, being a minority professor and woman of color can result in numerous challenges 27 while training students to become cognizant of their individual personalities, communication 28 styles, and overall intent to work with others in a school setting. Second, the role of supervisor 29 can at times be both rewarding and challenging. Third, it does require strength, endurance, 30 tolerance, self-awareness, knowledge, and skill to engage in a self-reflective position of seeking 31 to teach while learning from others what is working and how that can be communicated in an 32 open and effective manner. 33 34 Multicultural supervision provides a foundation for developing working relationships across 35 cultures. The examination of multicultural counseling competencies highlights the need to 36 engage in culturally competent supervision practices. Implementing culturally responsive 37 supervision in turn impacts the supervisory alliance and how interventions are carried out. 38 Culturally competent supervision practices allow for accountability of supervisors to promote a 39 working therapeutic alliance with ethnically diverse supervisees. Cultural humility within the 40 supervision relationship provides the groundwork for incorporating culturally responsive 41

42 supervision practices. The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate the importance of

43 incorporating cultural humility within multicultural supervision practices.

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- 45 The growing number of diverse students seeking supervision in graduate training programs

- 1 requires the awareness of multicultural supervision competencies, which provide guidelines to
- 2 ensure that awareness, knowledge, and skills (Sue et al., 1992; Sue & Torino, 2005) are included
- 3 in the development of a working alliance within supervision practices. To diversify the cultural
- 4 identities of members of counseling training programs, the Council for Accreditation of
- 5 Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP, 2009) requires that counselor
- education programs make "systematic efforts to attract, enroll, and retain a diverse group of
  faculty" (p. 9) and to create and support an inclusive learning community. Counselor educators
- 8 and supervisors are encouraged to consider the impact of diversity on their students' professional
- 9 development and training standards. Diversity includes differences in "races, economic
- 10 backgrounds, ages, ethnic backgrounds, genders, sexual orientations, and physical and mental
- 11 abilities" (CACREP, 2009, p. 41).
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- 13 Growing attention to multicultural issues in counseling training and clinical services has led to
- 14 the development of culture-specific guidelines in CACREP (2001) training standards. According
- 15 to the literature, the concept of multicultural counseling and supervision has been defined as a
- 16 situation in which the supervisor and the supervisee have ethnically different racial backgrounds
- 17 (Sue et al., 1998). Analyzing how counseling professionals (supervisors and supervisees)
- conduct and engage in multicultural supervision provides insight into the importance of havingan intentional and deep connection with the client or student in training. This important element
- 20 is essential and is needed in order to work through any complex issues of culture differences. As
- 21 the supervisor, I intentionally tried to use this awareness, knowledge, and information
- 22 continuously as a framework for working with my students while following ethical practices.
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# **Multicultural Counseling Competencies**

- 26 The counseling profession has been given a call to action with guidelines that deliberately allow
- 27 for the engagement of culturally competent supervision practices, which benefits the supervisor,
- 28 the supervisee, and the client receiving services. With attention given to multicultural issues,
- 29 supervisors are held accountable for how training is provided within cross-cultural
- 30 communication and interactions. Similarly, the multicultural competencies (Sue et al., 1992,
- 31 1998) have been endorsed by both the Association for Multicultural Counseling and
- 32 Development (AMCD) and the American Counseling Association (ACA) (American
- 33 Psychological Association [APA], 2003). As a result, graduate programs for counselors have
- 34 increased their training in multicultural counseling competencies and culturally competent
- 35 practices for clients and supervisees. Furthermore, leaders in the counseling profession have
- 36 sought to compile best practices (e.g., Roysircar et al., 2005) in clinical supervision (Association
- for Counselor Education and Supervision [ACES], 2011) that promote ethical responsibilities to
- all in the counseling profession. Hence, higher standards have been placed on the training and
   implementation of multicultural counseling competencies for supervision in counseling
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## **Multicultural Counseling**

44 Sue and Torino (2005) note that multicultural counseling includes engaging in a process that

involves implementing agreed-upon goals that are consistent with the life experiences and 1 cultural values of clients and acknowledges multiple client identities (e.g., individual, group, and 2 universal). Attention to using universal and culture-specific strategies and roles in the healing 3 process within multicultural supervision focuses on balancing the salience of individualism and 4 collectivism in assessment, diagnosis, and treatment interventions (APA, 2003) with supervisee 5 and client systems. Soheilian et al. (2014) argue that multicultural competent supervision may 6 lead to multicultural competent counseling. The multicultural competencies include (a) 7 self-awareness of individual cultural background and experiences; (b) knowledge about various 8 cultural groups you work with; (c) and counseling skills for working with clients from various 9 cultural groups (Berkel et al., 2008; Sue, 1998, 2001; Sue & Sue, 2012; Sue et al., 1982, 1998). 10 Additionally, the literature recommends that supervisors initiate discussions and practices that 11 address multicultural competence, both for the benefit of the therapist and client (Soheilian et al., 12 2014). The supervisors' ability to impart such knowledge is contingent on the supervisees' 13 perception of their supervisors and supervision experiences (Inman, 2007). Goodyear and 14 Guzzardo (2000) suggest that supervisors should raise the issue of race or culture as a first step 15 toward establishing a constructive relationship based on mutual respect. Fuertes (2004) describes 16 the importance of discussing cultural issues such as acculturation when engaging in the 17 supervision of bilingual counseling sessions. Furthermore, Fukuyama (1994) highlights that the 18 diversity status of the counselor is "significantly under-addressed" in the discourse about 19 multicultural counseling with a limited focus on the impact on therapeutic alliances and 20 treatment outcomes compared to counselors' professional development (p. 143). With this 21 knowledge in hand, I intentionally started my supervision relationships with students by 22 addressing the visible cultural and racial differences held right away to start the development of 23 multicultural competence. 24 25 **Culturally Competent Practices** 26 27 Research asserts that clients' ratings of their therapists' multicultural competencies have been 28 positively associated with gains in therapy (Hook et al., 2013; Owen et al., 2011, 2016) and the 29 working alliance relationship (Constantine, 2001; Constantine & Sue, 2007; Fuertes et al., 2006; 30 Hook et al., 2013; Owen et al., 2011). Examining the importance of cultural competency 31 provides insight into how to establish a working alliance within the supervisory relationship and 32 foster a collaborative stance (Ladany et al., 1999). Such considerations must be made when the 33

- relationship involves individuals from different cultural backgrounds (Ladany et al., 1997). 34
- Using the cultural competency framework to establish a working alliance includes the following: 35
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- (a) the focus on comfort with others, framed as self-awareness; (b) the use of culture as a 37 proxy for minority racial/ethnic groups' identity; (c) the emphasis on attempting to
- 38 "know" and become "competent" in understanding another's culture or cultures; and (d)
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- the lack of a transformative social justice agenda that addresses and challenges social 40 inequalities. (Fisher-Borne et al., 2014, p. 169) 41
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Cultural competency includes recognizing that a dominant culture's values differ and may 43 perpetuate separation and discrimination (Inman et al., 2014). I wanted to allow the students to 44

1 feel comfortable in broaching the topic of race by becoming alert to questioning the differences
2 and ways to work through them. In the supervision sessions, I would ask, "How will I challenge
3 myself to work through the differences and foster a working alliance with my supervisor?"

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# **Culturally Competent Supervision Practices**

6 7 My utilization of cultural humility within multicultural supervision is supported by the six domains that are important in guiding supervisors' culturally competent practices. Supervisors 8 should do the following: be able to facilitate their own awareness of personal values, biases, and 9 worldview; facilitate supervisees' awareness of personal values and beliefs; facilitate 10 multicultural client conceptualizations; guide supervisees towards utilizing culturally appropriate 11 interventions with clients; attend to multicultural processes in supervision; and effectively 12 evaluate supervisees' multicultural competencies (Ancis & Ladany, 2010; Hook & Watkins, 13 2015). As the supervisor, my adherence to professional practices (Code of Ethics) within the 14 supervision sessions often required me to maintain awareness and knowledge of potential 15 conflict and differences. According to the APA (2003), when value conflicts exist, the beliefs, 16 values, and goals of the client must take precedence first. Within supervision sessions. I 17 internally questioned myself by asking, "Am I engaging in the best course of actions for the 18 supervisee while performing ethically for the greater good?" 19

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The ways in which I utilize cultural humility in practice with attention to knowledge, values, and 21 skills include finding a way to work through the differences and learning from each other as a 22 potential goal (Gonsiorek et al., 2009). Sue et al. (1992) suggested that to be competent in 23 multicultural work requires not only a sound base of knowledge, but an ongoing development 24 into culturally sensitive, appropriate, and effective skills to serve diverse populations. A 25 recommendation included that supervisors continually pursue educational, consultation, and 26 training opportunities to enhance their understanding and effectiveness (Berkel et al., 2008; 27 Constantine, 1997; Gloria & Pope-Davis, 1997; Ponterotto, 1997). The importance of seeking 28 ongoing check-ins with the students and a personal self-evaluation at the end of sessions allowed 29 me to develop the need to proceed and correct any issues that seemed to interfere with the 30 training sessions. Research does support that supervisors working with ethnically different 31 supervisees may want to examine their supervisory behaviors to ensure that they are providing a 32 safe environment for the discussion of multicultural issues (Dressel et al., 2007). Similarly, 33 Toporek, Ortega-Villalobos, and Pope-Davis (2004) found that it is important for supervisors to 34 communicate their willingness to discuss cultural factors in the initial supervisory sessions and 35 continuously for supervisors to help enhance the supervisees' multicultural awareness 36 throughout the supervision process. Ladany et al. (1999) investigated the ethical practices of 37 supervisors and found that many supervisors lacked sensitivity to cultural issues with both their 38 supervisees and their clients. Supervisors who were uncomfortable or ill-equipped to address 39 multicultural issues ignored or minimized their value and uniqueness (Constantine & Sue, 2007), 40 resulting in a negative supervision experience. For example, in my first supervision session I 41 began by introducing the importance of cultural competency by acknowledging the cultural 42 differences held by asking students, "How do my cultural values differ from my supervisor, and 43 how will I address these differences when working with culturally different students in schools?" 44

1 I stressed to the students the need to gain self-awareness by intentionally opening up about 2 apparent differences in viewpoints and values based on cultural differences.

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### **Culturally Responsive Supervision**

The visible cross-cultural differences (Díaz-Lázaro & Cohen, 2001), racial consciousness 6 (Ladany et al., 1997), and microaggressions (Constantine & Sue, 2007; Sue, 2010) in 7 supervision are important to focus on while being direct about culturally sensitive supervision 8 practices. Previous literature has revealed that factors such as supervisor self-awareness, 9 genuineness in sharing personal cultural struggles, and openness to discussing cultural and racial 10 factors contribute to a culturally responsive supervisory relationship. The recommended factors 11 also include supervisor self-awareness, genuine attention, self-disclosure, support and validation, 12 and direct guidance (Ancis & Ladany, 2010; Christiansen et al., 2011; Inman, 2007; Inman et al., 13 2014; Lawless et al., 2001). I attempted to facilitate multicultural discussions that were most 14 effective when initiated, integrated, and revisited throughout the supervision sessions for clarity 15 of the presenting issues (Hird et al., 2001; Toporek et al., 2004). Literature stated that 16 supervisors should seek to identify specific behaviors that characterize both successful and 17 unsuccessful multicultural supervision, as identified by knowledgeable practicing professionals. 18 At the same time, providing openness, genuineness, empathy, warmth, and a nonjudgmental 19 stance reflects the same qualities judged to be central to the common factors approach in 20 counseling and psychotherapy (Dressel et al., 2007; Nilsson & Anderson, 2004; Wampold, 21 2001). These qualities I attempted to employ have been cited as essential ingredients of quality 22 supervision (Bernard & Goodyear, 2004). In addition, Gatmon et al. (2011) found that when 23 cultural issues were discussed in supervision, supervisees perceived a more successful 24 supervisory working alliance and increased satisfaction with supervision. For instance, within 25 my supervision sessions I often asked students to "openly express a critique of how the weekly 26 supervision session made them feel and how the supervisor connected with them based on 27 exemplary counseling skills and communication provided during feedback." My intent as the 28 supervisor was to allow the students to describe my actions openly and describe ways I was 29 building genuine and empathic working relationships. I sought to learn how my actions taken as 30 the supervisor helped or hurt the supervision relationship. I intentionally wanted to learn ways of 31 connecting with my supervisees based on specific cultural recommendations shared by racially 32 and ethnically different students. 33

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## Importance of Addressing Cultural Issues in Supervision

- Through my role as the minority supervisor, I intended to engage in creating an atmosphere that allowed for me to incorporate interventions that focused on self-awareness and intentionality. Interventions that create an intentional focus on cultural issues (e.g. educating on specific cultural variables, discussing culturally appropriate therapeutic interventions) have been known to increase self-awareness (Cashwell et al., 1997), promote trainee professional growth and self-efficacy (Gatmon et al., 2011), and facilitate trainees' perceptions of supervisor competence (Inman, 2007; Mori et al., 2009). The qualities of multicultural competent counselors include
- 44 credibility, expertness, and trustworthiness (i.e., appears worthy of beliefs, capable, confident,

1 reliable, and trustworthy) (Ahmed et al., 2011; Inman & DeBoer Kreider, 2013). Furthermore,

2 Daniels, D'Andrea, and Kim (1999) describe the problems experienced by a supervisor and a

3 supervisee when there is a mismatch in cultural values and a lack of discussion about the

4 apparent values conflict. During weekly individual supervision meetings, I would assess how to

5 identify my presence and attitudes on any given situation that could have affected the
6 supervision process. I intentionally model in the session my desire to learn by asking students,

<sup>6</sup> supervision process. I intentionary model in the session my desire to rearn by asking students,
 <sup>7</sup> "Can you explore the issue with me through your cultural lens and viewpoint?" and stating, "I

8 am attempting to learn your cultural meaning." I always took time to thank the students for

9 sharing and asserted, "I am learning from my work with you as I understand and gain knowledge

10 from our experiences."

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## **Cultural Humility**

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14 The term cultural humility has become increasing new in the counseling literature with

15 connections to multicultural competencies and culturally competent clinical practices (Hook et

al., 2013). Within the field of psychology, the concept has been researched with "vital

17 explanatory constructs and practice-crucial variables within service provisions" (Hook & Wething 2015,  $n_{\rm c}$  ((1)) According to Templan and Mumpy Carefa (1008), the concert of

18 Watkins, 2015, p. 661). According to Tervalon and Murray-García (1998), the concept of 19 cultural humility is a process of committing to an ongoing relationship with patients,

communities, and colleagues that requires humility as individuals to continually engage in

21 "self-reflection and self-critique" (p. 118). This term takes into account the "fluidity of culture,

challenging both individuals and institutions to address inequalities occurring within the

23 relationship and interactions" (Hook & Watkins, 2015, p. 661). Cultural humility reflects an

<sup>24</sup> "other-oriented stance toward communication styles and being open to feedback within the

25 relationship." Cultural humility also includes "recognizing the learning need and then acting

accordingly, where such perspective is lacking, learning about and having openness to the other cultural stance may in turn become increasing likely to gain awareness" (Hook & Watkins, 2015,

p. 662). Implementing cultural humility within culturally competent supervision practices allows

29 for "challenging the notion of active engagement as a lifelong process that individuals enter with

30 clients, organizational structures, and within themselves" (Hook & Watkins, 2015, p. 662).

31 Throughout the semester, I intentionally became culturally aware of other ethnic groups and

32 learned how to be sensitive to the needs and customs of the supervisee regardless of culture

33 difference shared (Ridley et al., 1994).

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35 I demonstrated cultural humility by having a continuous willingness and openness to

36 self-critique and identify instances that consist of both intrapersonal and interpersonal

37 components (Davis et al., 2011; Hook, 2014). For instance, I would ask questions like, "Can you

<sup>38</sup> explain how your cultural viewpoint is different than mine?" On the intrapersonal level, cultural

39 humility involves an "awareness of the limitations in our ability to understand the worldview and

40 cultural background of our client. On the interpersonal level, cultural humility involves a stance

41 toward the client that is other-oriented, marked by respect and openness to the client's

42 worldview" (Davis et al., 2011; Hook & Watkins, 2015, p. 661). I demonstrated this by

43 modeling and seeking various aspects of differences by saying things like, "Can you help me to

44 better understand you?" and "I really want to get this point understood clearly," in an attempt to

- 1 learn more for clarity and asking open and neutral questions to students to "describe and
- 2 explain" to help me fully understand. Research on cultural humility and therapy outcomes found
- 3 that cultural humility was viewed as important by potential clients, and perceptions of cultural
- 4 humility by clients in therapy were positively related to (a) developing a strong working alliance
- 5 with the therapist and (b) actual improvement in therapy (Hook et al., 2013). Having an 6 awareness of oneself and one's cultural background is an important prerequisite for
- awareness of oneself and one's cultural background is an important prerequisite for
  understanding one's blind spots, biases, and limitations, which is an important aspect of humility
- 8 (Hook et al., 2013). As I engaged in practicing cultural humility in supervision, I tried to convey
- 9 to the students that respect should be given and received in order to promote a working

10 relationship and to create an open space for communication.

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# Implementing Cultural Humility

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To become culturally humble means to "rarely assume competence (i.e. letting prior experience and even expertise lead to overconfidence) for working with clients, just based on their prior

16 experience working with a particular ethnic group" (Owen et al., 2016, p. 31). Supervisors and

17 supervisees can approach clients with respectful, open, and collaborative intent to understand the

- unique intersection of clients' various aspects of identities and how those affect the development of a therapy alliance (Hook et al., 2013). Hook (2014) argues that following two steps allows for
- counseling professionals to engage in cultural humility. The recommendations include to first
- 21 become more aware of our own cultural worldviews, biases, and blind spots by critiquing

22 through self-assessment (Fisher-Borne et al., 2014). It is imperative that supervisors engage in a

23 critical analysis of the multicultural orientation and cultural contact experiences, before the

initial work begins with ethnically different client (Hook & Watkins, 2015, p. 661; see also

25 Davis et al., 2011). Secondly, self-awareness is the key to properly engaging in cultural humility

<sup>26</sup> practices. By consistently placing yourself in situations that force you to interact with individuals

who are culturally different, you allow yourself to engage in cultural acceptance and understanding to acquire new knowledge and information.

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30 Cultural humility allows for shared power dynamics in the relationship, increased

31 communications between all parties, and decreased assumptions (Green & Dekkers, 2010; Hook,

32 2014) and missteps. In my attempt to implement cultural humility, I engaged in self-reflection by

33 assessing my prior knowledge held about the various racial identities of the students I was

34 supervising. In my personal critique, I often held the belief that cultural humility included not

35 making assumptions about the students based on their cultural backgrounds, but seeking to learn

- 36 firsthand from the students' viewpoints and information communicated. My internal dialogue
- 37 included me stating weekly that "I'm not trying to make it seem like I understand the student's
- 38 experience (when I do not), or even assuming that I know a lot (or anything) about the student's
- 39 particular cultural experience." Second, I often told myself, "I must be aware of how my
- 40 worldview is not superior to the student's beliefs or values held, regardless of my training or
- 41 what I know to be true" (Hook, 2014, p. 661). Cultural humility allows for a shared power
- 42 dynamic to occur and a genuine and authentic interest to be established and manifested
- 43 throughout the relationship (Green & Dekkers, 2010). Cultural humility may also be ideal for
- 44 self-reflections, self-exploration, and broaching of topics that many be deemed sensitive or

1 controversial within cross-cultural interactions. For example, the topic of gender norms and

2 behaviors was addressed, and I often shared with the students to "assess and seek to learn more

3 before making assumptions." I intentionally wanted the students to understand that I respect and4 value their individuality.

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## **Implications for Supervisors**

7 Based on my work supervising culturally different supervisees, I have come to appreciate the 8 importance of learning from the apparent difference held in the supervision sessions. Supervisors 9 should continually explore their awareness of themselves as cultural beings and increase their 10 multicultural and cultural competency knowledge and skills in working with supervisees (Sue, 11 1998; Tervalon & Murray-García, 1998). I suggest the need to intentionally bring up cultural 12 topics and differences despite how they are disseminated and explored as an important first step 13 in multicultural and culturally competent supervision practices (Bernard & Goodyear, 2013). I 14 recommend having supervisors and supervisees undergo personal examinations of their values, 15 beliefs, and biases in relation to multicultural issues often (D'Andrea & Daniels, 1997; Gloria & 16 Pope-Davis, 1997), which in turn promote the development of culturally competent supervision 17 practices and promote trusting supervision relationships (Ladany et al., 1997). I learned how to 18 understand a student's ability to process and communicate about many difficult issues that could 19 affect the respect level of the supervisee and the ability to share information while being 20 validated. 21 22 Focusing on the need to participate in continuing education and recognizing that developing 23 competence is an ongoing process when working with ethnically different individuals is a major 24 underlying notion to be aware of. Supervisors should also actively and continually seek 25 professional development opportunities designed to increase awareness, knowledge, and skills 26 (Sue, 1998). These activities could include continuing education classes, workshops, and 27 professional conferences (Constantine, 1997; Gloria & Pope-Davis, 1997; Ponterotto, 1997). 28 29 If we want to truly begin having positive contact with culturally different individuals and 30 groups, then consistently doing so from a culturally humble place— with openness to, 31 respect for, and prizing of the other's cultural perspective—would seem the absolutely 32 essential point at which to start. (Hook & Watkins, 2015, p. 662) 33 34 **Implications for Counseling Training Programs** 35 36 Working with ethnically diverse supervisees within graduate training programs requires that 37 supervisors be direct and intentional with how they implement and engage in multicultural and 38 culturally competent supervision practices. Employing ethical standards and culturally 39 responsive supervision practices requires that faculty and students within graduate training 40 programs be given the opportunity for continued growth. It's recommended to seek to stop and 41

42 process the interactions, then proceed with caution in attempts to learn new ways of exchanging 43 information. Learning methods for working with diverse students and clients provides a rationale

43 for increased attention to the use of cultural humility. Focusing on the cross-cultural interactions

- 1 and communications between supervisors and supervisees allows for attention to be directed into
- 2 how cultural assumptions (microaggressions) may impact the supervisory relationships and
- 3 self-efficacy of ethnically diverse supervisees.
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Concluding that the topic of multicultural supervision practices has revealed that positive 5 outcomes have been related to addressing cultural differences early, finding ways to create a 6 working alliance within cross-cultural interactions, and justification to undergo training into 7 cultural humility is warranted. To assess the outcome of the working relationship and the 8 supervisor, the training program can implement an outcome rating scale and assessment at the 9 beginning and the end of a semester. This will allow for an analysis into assessing the cultural 10 competency, understanding, and engagement of faculty and students within the training 11 programs. The outcome rating scale can also be modified for use by students at the beginning 12 and end of supervision sessions to promote an open dialogue with supervisees about growth and 13 needed changes. 14

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To learn how the supervisee's cultural identity may influence the dynamics of the supervision 16 session and relationship, establishing a method of creating an open dialogue about progress and 17 outcomes is recommended. Identifying the potential influence of cultural competency and how 18 the supervisee and supervisor handle the issues can influence how content on the outcome rating 19 scale and assessment is listed. These outcome rating scales can be modified to demonstrate how 20 an individual can engage in a repair attempt of the relationship. The outcome rating scale builds 21 on the notion of cultural humility, which can be intertwined within university counseling 22 programs and community counseling centers. Implementing the major tenets of cultural humility 23 and using the existing knowledge of culturally competent practices promotes the use of cultural 24 humility as a potential avenue and resource for the field of counseling to include multicultural 25 supervision practices. 26

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## **Implication and Summary**

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With an increase in cross-cultural training within counseling training programs, an investigation 30 into how the interactions between supervisor and supervisee further develop dialogue on being 31 intentional and mindful of how race and ethnicity can impact the communication, learning, and 32 education processes is critical. Furthermore, while race is a noticeable entity, it should be 33 handled with care in how communication and processing of a supervision session occurs in the 34 training of students. My experiences have taught me how to proceed with caution when 35 broaching the topic of racial differences while using sensitivity when educating on how to work 36 with students of a different ethnic background from myself. Indeed, cross-cultural 37 communication practices combined with multicultural supervision allow for the insertion of 38 cultural humility. It is only through the notion of taking a stance and willingness to seek to learn 39 from one another's differences that the issues of power struggles decrease and learning can truly 40 occur. Proceeding with caution in cross-cultural supervision does allow for the utilization of 41 cultural humility as the foundation to providing multicultural and culturally competent 42 supervision. 43

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