Session 14: Records, Case Histories

Initial Consultation: 50-minute hour

- Obtain client’s informed consent

- Learn client’s background and relevant history. (age, education, marital status, occupation, medical condition, etc.)

- Ascertained nature of problem or process. (Does primary issue lie within scope of philosophical practice?)

- Build rapport and deepen inquiry through dialogue.

- Offer preliminary evaluation, suggesting line(s) and methods of future inquiry based on initial consultation.

- Take notes unobtrusively throughout. Date each session.
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Elements of Written Case Study:

• Relevant history
• Nature of problem or process
• Main philosophical issue
• Method (if any) and heuristic for selection
• Philosophical idea(s) that were helpful
• How was main issue managed or resolved?
• Other relevant issues?
• Other observations
• Relations to theory or case literature extant