

Practicum and Internship

As students enter the field, Practicum and Internship are an essential time to evaluate student progress. All degree programs in the Counselor Education Department include a practicum and internship requirement. Practicum takes place during the Spring semester after all Core I classes are completed. Internship takes place during the subsequent Fall and Spring Semesters.

Practicum and Internship sites are generally located by the student after careful consideration of professional goals and the type of internship experiences designated by the degree program. The Clinical Coordinator serves as a resource to suggest practicum and internship sites.

Counseling Practicum Requirements

Students must complete supervised practicum experiences that total a minimum of 100 clock hours over an academic term. Each student's practicum includes all of the following:

At least 40 clock hours of direct service with actual clients that contributes to the development of counseling skills.

1. Weekly interaction that averages one hour per week of individual and/or triadic supervision throughout the practicum by a site supervisor who is working in consultation with a program faculty member.
2. An average of 1 1/2 hours per week of group supervision that is provided on a regular schedule throughout the practicum by a program faculty member.
3. The development of program-appropriate audio/video recordings for use in supervision or live supervision of the student's interactions with clients.
4. Evaluation of the student's counseling performance throughout the practicum, including documentation of a formal evaluation after the student completes the practicum.

Counseling Internship Requirements

The program requires completion of a supervised internship in the student's designated program area of 600 clock hours, begun after successful completion of the practicum. The internship is intended to reflect the comprehensive work experience of a professional counselor appropriate to the designated program area. Each student's internship includes all of the following:

1. The internship experience requires **600** clock hours.
2. At least **240** clock hours of direct service, including experience leading groups.
3. Weekly interaction that averages one hour per week of individual

and/or triadic supervision throughout the internship, usually performed by the on-site supervisor.

4. An average of 1 1/2 hours per week of group supervision provided on a regular schedule throughout the internship and performed by a program faculty member.
5. The opportunity for the student to become familiar with a variety of professional activities and resources in addition to direct service (e.g., record keeping, assessment instruments, supervision, information and referral, in-service and staff meetings).
6. The opportunity for the student to develop program-appropriate audio/video recordings for use in supervision or to receive live supervision of his or her interactions with clients.
7. Evaluation of the student's counseling performance throughout the internship, including documentation of a formal evaluation after the student completes the internship by a program faculty member in consultation with the site supervisor.

Note: Even though the internship requirement is for six (6) credits, students are permitted to register for only three (3) credits per semester.

A link to School Counseling Practicum and Internship Partner School Sites are available on the Department website's Table of Contents page for the Handbook.

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