

OVERVIEW

CNS 744 and 745: COUNSELING INTERNSHIPS

There are two Counseling Internship Courses (CNS 744 and 745) that together total a minimum of 600 hour of field experience on site and 42 hours of group supervision on campus. Internships are completed during the fall and spring semesters of the second year, following the successful completion of the Counseling Practicum. Each semester's experience includes the following

300 Hours of work in a school or community setting over a period of one semester (an average of 21 hours per week for 14 weeks) and should include a minimum of:

120 hours of direct service with clients, and
14 hours of individual supervision by the site supervisor.

21 Hours of group supervision by the program faculty (one and one-half hours per week) in a group with other students.

321 Hours minimum total

Supervision

Site Supervisor. A Site Supervisor must have a minimum of a Master's degree in Counseling or a closely related field, and have a minimum of two years of pertinent professional experience. Site Supervisor meet with their interns for one hour each week to review tapes and/or to discuss field experiences. They are also available to the interns for consultation on an as-needed basis. Site Supervisors are responsible for the overall supervision of internship students in the work setting, including assistance in planning the student's schedule and monitoring his or her work.

Faculty Supervisor. Faculty members serve as individual and as group supervisors for interns. A Faculty Group Supervisor meets with a maximum of ten internship students for one and one-half hours per week of group supervision. A Faculty Individual Supervisor is responsible for coordinating the placement of his or her supervisees, initiating and maintaining contact with the student's site supervisor and for arranging individual supervision sessions on an as needed basis. A student's group and individual faculty supervisor may or may not be the same person.

Student Schedule and Logs

During the first week on-site the student and his or her Site Supervisor work out a time schedule and brief plan of activities. A copy is submitted to the Faculty Supervisor for approval. A log on internship activities is to be completed weekly by the student and summarized monthly. Monthly subtotals are submitted to the staff member assigned to monitor progress toward the meeting of requirements.

Evaluation

Your University Supervisor and lead instructor are responsible for assigning your letter grade for both the midterm and final evaluation. In doing so, they will take into consideration all evaluation and feedback provided by your Site Supervisor. The lead instructor has primary responsibility for grade assignments.