

## **OVERVIEW CNS 738: PRACTICUM**

The Counseling Practicum is a second semester pre-internship experience designed to help students further develop their individual counseling and group work skills under careful supervision. The Practicum includes a minimum of 165 hours of field experience in a community or school setting plus individual/pair and group supervision by faculty.

The hours break down as follows:

165	Hours of work in a school or community setting over a period of one semester (an average of 11 hours per week for 15 weeks) and should include a minimum of 65 hours of direct contact, 10 hours of group work and 7 hours of supervision by the site supervisor.
14	Hours of individual or paired supervision by a faculty member
21	Hours of group supervision (one & one-half hours per week) by program faculty with other students
200	Total Hours

### **Supervision**

Site Supervisor. A Site Supervisor must have a minimum of a Master's degree in Counseling or closely related field and have a minimum of two years of pertinent professional experience. Site Supervisors meet with their Interns for a minimum of 30 minutes each week to review audio or video tapes and/or to discuss field experiences. They are also available for consultation on an as-needed basis. 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.

Faculty Supervisor. Faculty members serve as individual and as group supervisors for Practicum students. The 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 meeting with the practicum students individually or in pairs for one hour per week. The Faculty Group supervisor meets with the groups of approximately five Practicum students for 1 ½ hours of group supervision. A student's group and individual faculty supervisor may or may not be the same person.

### **Student logs and tapes**

A log of practicum activities is to be completed weekly by the student and submitted monthly to the department staff member assigned to monitor progress toward the meeting of requirements.

It is very important that the student submit have audio and/or video tapes of interactions with clients for review and discussion with their site and faculty supervisors. Students are encouraged to tape as much as possible. The minimum course requirement is one tape.

### Evaluation

Grades in the course will be based on:

Evaluation by Faculty Supervisor	60%
Evaluation by Site Supervisor	40%