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SITE SUPERVISOR PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP HANDBOOK

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Introduction

Welcome to the field experience component of the School Concentration in the Counseling Services Masters program at William Paterson University. This experience is our students' opportunity to put their formal training into practice. This handbook is designed to provide information that will assist you in supervising our counselor trainees.

Definitions

Before beginning, there are a number of terms that need to be defined in order for you to have a clear understanding of the practicum/internship experience.

Counselor Trainee – The counselor trainee is a student, under supervision, who has begun their practicum/internship experience and has been placed in a school or community agency.

Intern – Another term for counselor trainee.

Practicum/internship Placement Site – The school or agency where the practicum/internship experience takes place. The site must meet WPUNJ training program standards and provide the counselor trainee with the opportunity to perform all activities, under supervision, that a regular staff member employed as a school counselor would perform. Generally the practicum and internship are done at the same placement site, though counselor trainees are encouraged to find more than one placement site. While the majority of hours must be spent in a school setting, counselor trainees may also spend part of their placement at an agency site working with children and adolescents.

Practicum/Internship Coordinator- the coordinator is a designated University faculty member who is responsible for receiving practicum and internship applications. The coordinator will approve all practicum/internship placements before the course begins. The coordinator will also hold a practicum/internship orientation the semester before the placement begins.

Site Supervisor – The site supervisor is a designated professional staff member at the placement site who is directly responsible for the supervision of the counselor trainee. Site supervisors must be certified school counseling professionals and hold a

minimum of a Master's degree in counseling or a closely related field. All site supervisors must have a minimum of three years of professional experience in school. The duties of the site supervisor are as follows:

- 1. Make provisions for orientation of the counselor trainee to the site, including procedures for assigning students, emergency procedures, safety procedures, and any site-specific limits to confidentiality.
- 2. Provide space for the counselor trainees to perform their counseling responsibilities.
- 3. Make provisions for the counselor trainee to audio and/or video tape students with the student's written consent.
- 4. Work with the counselor trainee to develop practicum/internship goals.
- 5. Work closely with the University and University supervisor when needed.
- 6. Maintain responsibility for student's continuity on site.
- 7. Assist in the evaluation of the student's performance relative to the objectives of the experience.
- 8. Provide regular supervision for the counselor trainee not to be less then 1 hour of face to face supervision once a week during the practicum/internship placement.

Course Instructor – The course instructor is the instructor of the practicum/internship courses (CSP 686 and CSP 687) which meets once a week for 2 1/2 hours per week. The duties of the course instructor are as follows:

- 1. Receive status of placement from counselor trainee prior to the start of the semester.
- 2. Provide group supervision of counselor trainees.
- 3. May provide individual supervision of counselor trainees when necessary.
- 4. Monitors progress of counselor trainee during the practicum/internship experience.
- 5. Maintains communication with site supervisors as indicated.
- 6. Makes on-site visits when needed.
- 7. Initiates resolution of any problem occurring on-site.
- 8. Reviews counselor trainee's session tapes.
- 9. Secures evaluations.
- 10. Assigns final grades.

University Supervisor - The University supervisor is the designated faculty member who provides the one-hour per week supervision requirement in practicum. This faculty member may be the course instructor. The duties of the University Supervisor are as follows:

- 1. Provides one hour per week of face to face individual or triadic supervision during the practicum experience.
- 2. Evaluates the progress of the counselor trainee during the practicum experience.

- 3. Reviews counselor trainee's session tapes when necessary.
- 4. Works closely with course instructor in monitoring progress of counselor trainees.

Selecting and Acquiring a Placement Site

Students must find their own placement sites. The practicum/internship coordinator will help in any way, but the ultimate responsibility is the students'. A student may be able to use his/her work site for both practicum and internship, however this is contingent on the students' work load and must be approved by the practicum/internship coordinator. All sites must be approved by the University.

Counselor trainees are required to have experience in both individual and group counseling and have one hour of face to face site supervision per week during their placement. In addition, counselor trainees must audio or video tape counseling sessions. These requirements should be taken into consideration when selecting a placement site.

The site supervisor and any other relevant administrators (school principal or director of counseling) must sign the Practicum/Internship Application before a site will be approved by the practicum/internship coordinator. The practicum/internship coordinator will be available to answer any questions the site supervisor or administrator might have. The practicum/internship coordinator is Dr. Paula R. Danzinger, LPC, CCMHC. She may be contacted at (973) 720-3085 or by email at pd0614@optonline.net.

Liability Insurance

Counselor trainees are required to purchase liability insurance while they are taking practicum/internship. Counselor trainees need to have their own policy, even if they are covered at the placement site. Low cost liability insurance is offered by the American Counseling Association for practicum/internship students. Applications for membership in ACA can be obtained from the ACA website at www.counseling.org, or by calling ACA at 1-800-347-6647.

Placement Hour Requirements

For the Practicum (CSP 686) requirement, counselor trainees must have a total of 100 clock hours. These hours include a minimum of 40 hours of direct service with students, with a majority of those hours being individual counseling. The counselor trainee must also have group counseling hours, to be included in the 40 hours of direct service. The counselor trainee is required to have a minimum of three students for individual counseling. The remaining 60 hours of the placement includes: individual

site supervision (at least 5 hours), group supervision, case write ups, contact with parents (school), peer consultation, and required paperwork as well as other experiences that familiarize the counselor trainee with the culture and procedures of their setting.

For the Internship (CSP 687) requirement, counselor trainees must have a total of 600 clock hours. These hours include a minimum of 240 hours of direct service with students, with the majority of those hours individual counseling. The counselor trainee must also have group counseling hours, to be included in the 240 hours of direct service. The counselor trainee is required to have a minimum of four students for individual counseling. The remaining 360 hours of the placement includes: individual site supervision (at least one hour per week), group supervision, case write ups, contact with parents and significant others, peer consultation, and required paperwork, as well as other experiences that familiarize the counselor trainee with the culture and procedures of their setting.

Supervision Requirements

Students are required to have one hour per week of supervision with a University supervisor during their practicum experience. Times and location of this supervision will be arranged between the University supervisor and the counselor trainee.

Counselor trainees are also required to have at least one hour per week of face to face supervision with their site supervisor. This supervision begins in the practicum experience and continues throughout the internship experience.

Taping Requirements

Counselor trainees are required to provide audio and/or video tapes of individual counseling sessions. These tapes will be reviewed and evaluated by the course instructor, as well as the University Supervisor if needed. The counselor trainee is required to provide at least 4 tapes for the practicum (CSP 686) and at least 6 tapes for internship (CSP 687).

Consent for taping forms must be signed by clients and/or by minor students' parent or guardian. Minor students must also sign their assent. The student must be made aware that tapes will be listened to by the course instructor and University supervisors and may be reviewed in class for instruction purposes only. The student should be told that the tapes will be confidential and anonymous. They should also be informed that the tapes will be destroyed after they are reviewed. Some placement sites will have their own taping consent forms. A University Consent for Taping form is included in this handbook.

Counseling Procedures

Counselor trainees are required to make sure their student gives informed consent for counseling. Some sites will have their own Permission to Counsel forms. A University form is included in this handbook. It is required that the counselor trainee has a University permission form filled out and signed by each client and/or minor students' parent or guardian along with any forms your site may require. Minor students must also sign their assent. The counselor trainee must inform each student that he/she is a counselor trainee fulfilling a requirement for a Masters degree in counseling. The student must be informed that the counselor trainee is under supervision. When informing the student of confidentiality and the limits of confidentiality, the counselor trainee must inform the student that his/her case will be discussed with supervisors, who are under the same obligations of confidentiality as the counselor trainee. This informed consent should be in writing and approved by the course instructor at the beginning of the practicum experience.

Competencies

It is essential that the counselor trainee acquires certain competencies during the practicum/internship experience. The following lists some of these competencies.

- 1. Counseling Process skills including:
 - a. The ability to structure a counseling session.
 - b. The ability to use basic counseling skills such as observing and active listening.
 - c. The ability to ascertain present mental status.
 - d. The ability to facilitate realistic goal setting.
 - e. The ability to use crisis intervention skills
- 2. Evaluation skills including:
 - a. The ability to understand results of frequently used assessment tools such as intelligence tests, achievement and aptitude tests, and depression and anxiety scales.
 - b. The ability to conceptualize student concerns.
- 3. Consultation skills including:
 - a. The ability to provide work collaboratively with teachers and other school personnel.
 - b. The ability to develop partnerships with parents, quardians, and families.
 - The ability to work with other professionals, such as child study team members and Substance Awareness Coordinators in a joint effort to promote school success.

- 4. Service Coordination skills including:
 - a. Knowledge of the goals, purpose and functioning of each student personnel service and how they may be utilized for the student's benefit.
 - b. The ability to manage or assist in the management of individual cases including service coordinating and referral services.
 - c. The ability to advocate for the student.
 - d. The ability to make appropriate referrals for students and their families.
 - e. The ability to keep appropriate records and case reports.
- 5. Knowledge of School Administration including:
 - a. Knowledge of the administrative and operative structure of the school.
 - b. The philosophy of the school and agency in regards to counseling.
 - c. Understanding of and the ability to use school resources such as records, psychological or psychiatric consultations, psychological or educational testing, and other information sources.
 - d. Knowledge and understanding of activities the school requires of regularly employed staff in the position that the counselor trainee holds.
- 6. Professional Behavior including:
 - a. Knowledge of and adherence to the professional ethics and standards as outlined in the Standards and Practices and Ethical Codes of the American Counseling Association and the American School Counseling Association.
 - b. Knowledge of and adherence to the professional legal responsibilities in accordance with the standards of local, state and national government.
 - c. Knowledge of and adherence to the school professional standards and quality assurance policies, including policies on student-counselor relationship, record keeping, referral policies, and peer review process.
 - d. Knowledge of school counselor preparation standards (ASCA) and national and state certification requirements.

Grading Procedures

Practicum (CSP 686) and Internship (CSP 687) are pass/fail courses. If the course instructor, University supervisor or the site supervisor has any concerns about the counselor trainee's progress, the course instructor will meet with the counselor trainee and the site supervisor to discuss these concerns and to determine the appropriate course of action. All requirements of the course must be met before a pass grade will be given.

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SAMPLE FORMS

Parental Consent Form

Child's Name		_
Parent's Name		_
Phone #		
I agree that a counselor trainee in Paterson University may counsel recompleted Masters course work in supervised byUniversity and by counseling will be held strictly conference Association Code of Ethics. Exceptions are suspected child abuse or imminential paters.	ny child. I understand that the councounseling. The counselor trained, a faculty member at Willia, a site supervisor. Information idential according to the American otions to this confidentiality occur w	selor trainee has will be m Paterson gathered in the Counseling
If for any reason you have question the right to meet with the counselo		
I have read the above and underst my questions have been answered		rocedures. All
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	
Child's Signature	Date	
Counselor Trainee Signature	Date	

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I understand that the counseling session will have with my childevaluation of the counselor trainee. I furnaintained and only the counselor train have access to these tapes. I understate counselors in training for training purposes.	will be the rther understand the counse and the counse and these tapes	e tape recorded for hat confidentiality will be elor trainee's supervisor will
Understood and agreed to by the under	signed:	
Parent/Guardian signature	Date	
Child's signature	Date	
Counselor trainee signature	Date	-

Counseling Consent Form

Client Name	
Phone #	
Paterson University will counsel me completed Masters course work in supervised by University and by counseling will be held strictly confi	he School Counseling Concentration at William e. I understand that the counselor trainee has counseling. The counselor trainee will be, a faculty member at William Paterson, a site supervisor. Information gathered in the dential according to the American Counseling tions to this confidentiality occur when there is danger to the student or to others.
,	ns about the counseling or are dissatisfied, you have trainee and/or the supervisors named above.
I have read the above and understamy questions have been answered	and the nature of the supervisory procedures. All to my satisfaction.
Client Signature	Date
Counselor Trainee Signature	Date

William Paterson University Department of Special Education and Counseling Taping Permission

understand that confidentiality will be m the counselor trainee's supervisor will h	for evaluation of the counselor trainee) for evaluation of the counselor trainee. I further naintained and only the counselor trainee and nave access to these tapes. I understand that it counselors in training for training purposes.
Understood and agreed to by the under	rsigned:
Client signature	Date
Counselor trainee signature	Date

William Paterson University School Counseling Concentration Practicum/Internship Weekly Log

Date _____

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Counselor Trainee		Week #:			
		Dates:	to		
Activity	Number of Hours	Activity	Number of Hours		
1. Individual Counseling		14.Site group supervision			
2. Group Counseling		15.University group supervision			
3. Work with families		16. Individual University supervision			
4. Consultation		17. Individual site supervision			
5. Prevention instruction					
6. Crisis intervention					
7. Record keeping (Report writing)					
8. Tape review					
9. Professional development					
10.Program development		Total hours:			
11.Management (scheduling etc.)		Direct service hours (1-6)			
12. Contact with students other than counseling		Non-direct service hours (7-13)			
13. Other (explain below)		Supervision hours (14-17)			

Site Supervisor _____

William Paterson University School Practicum/Internship Hours Semester Summary Form

Counselor Trainee	
Site	
Site SupervisorUniversity Supervisor	
Total of weekly hours for:	
Individual Counseling	Consultation
Group Counseling	Prevention instruction
Work with families	Crisis intervention
TOTAL DIRECT SERVICE HOURS FOR SEMEST	TER
Total of weekly hours for:	
Record Keeping (Report writing)	Management (Scheduling)
Tape review	Non-counseling student contact
Professional development	
Program development	Other
TOTAL NON-DIRECT SERVICE HOURS FOR SE	MESTER
Total of weekly hours for:	
Site group supervision	Individual university supervision
University group supervision	Individual site supervision
TOTAL SUPERVISION HOURS FOR SEMESTER	
Counselor Trainee signature Date	

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SESSION CRITIQUE

B. Background information about student: C. Presenting problem: D. Observation about student: E. Observations about self: F. Hindsight observations (what you liked, what you would have done differently): G. What you would like assistance on:		ngth of time for the session (include how many times you l tudent):	have
 D. Observation about student: E. Observations about self: F. Hindsight observations (what you liked, what you would have done differently): 	jround	d information about student:	
E. Observations about self:F. Hindsight observations (what you liked, what you would have done differently):	nting p	problem:	
F. Hindsight observations (what you liked, what you would have done differently):	vation	n about student:	
differently):	vation	ns about self:	
G. What you would like assistance on:			
	you w	ould like assistance on:	16

School Practicum/Internship Evaluations School Site Supervisor

ivame	Date Semester/year Supervisor Na	ame		
compe	is a list of behavioral objectives pertinent to the counseling profession. Using the 3 point scale protent you feel this counselor trainee is in each of these areas. Target is defined as going past what elor trainee in practicum or internship. Please use a pencil or pen and completely fill in one circle for	would be expected		Target 3
1.	Demonstrates a personal commitment in developing professional competencies	0	0	0
2.	Appropriately receives and uses feedback from supervisors and professional peers	0	0	0
	Understands the importance of assisting students towards successful academic, career, and personal/social development	0	0	0
4.	Explains the nature and objectives of counseling when appropriate	0	0	0
5.	s relaxed and comfortable when dealing with students	0	0	0
6.	Shows good non-verbal skills, e.g. eye contact, body language	0	0	0
7.	s aware of own feelings in the counseling session	0	0	0
8.	Recognizes and deals with negative affect of the student	0	0	0
9.	Demonstrates good observational skills	0	0	0
10.	Demonstrates good listening skills	0	0	0
11.	Facilitates realistic goal-setting with the student	0	0	0
12.	s perceptive in evaluating the effects of own counseling techniques	0	0	0
13.	Demonstrates effective use of individual counseling strategies that help promote school success	0	0	0
14.	Demonstrates effective use of group strategies that help promote school success	0	0	0
15.	Demonstrates an ability to utilize preventive and crisis intervention strategies	0	0	0
16.	s able to deal with issues related to end of school year and transition	0	0	0
17.	Demonstrates an ability to work collaboratively with teachers	0	0	0
18.	s able to develop partnerships with parents, guardians, and families	0	0	0
	Demonstrates an ability to consult with child study teams, pupil assistance committees, and other school professionals such as Substance Awareness Coordinators (SAC)	0	0	0
20.	s able to conceptualize the student's concerns	0	0	0
21.	s able to interpret test findings, including impressions and recommendations	0	0	0
22.	Has knowledge of school programs and policies	0	0	0
23.	s able to make use of referral sources and school resources	0	0	0
24.	s able to advocate for the student	0	0	0
	Understands methods of planning, developing, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating comprehensive developmental counseling programs	0	0	0

26.	Demonstrates ethical behavior as a school counselor based on the ethical standards and practices of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the American School Counseling Association (ASCA)	0	0	0
27.	Adheres to the school policies and procedures	0	0	0
28.	Demonstrates an understanding of school counselor preparation standards (ASCA) and national and state certification requirements	0	0	0

ditional page if you feel it is necessary.	. 0	el free to add an
gnature of Counselor Trainee	Date	
gnature of Site Supervisor	 Date	

SCHOOL COUNSELING CONCENTRATION PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP SELF EVALUATION FORM

Name		Date	·				Semester
Supervisor Name							
Practicum/Internship Site							
as a rating of 3 or better at the b	eginning pr	actic	um/ir	nterr	ship	leve	nseling skills. Competence is defined el of counselor development. Use the ropriate number after each objective:
	5 =V 4 =S 3 =A 2 =N 1 =N	xtren ery S ome vera eeds ot W ot Ap	skille what ge Mor ell S	d Abc e W killed	ove A	vera	age
	Ве	havio	oral (Obje	ctive	s:	
Demonstrate an ability to establic counseling process	sh rapport v	with s	stude	ents,	affir	ming	them as co-participants in the
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrate an ability to structu informed consent.	re initial an	d oth	er se	essic	ns ir	nclud	ling explanation of confidentiality and
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrate an ability to assist	students in	ident	ifyin	g go	als		
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrate an ability to formula	ate student	desc	riptic	on			
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrate an ability to formula	ate problem	des	cripti	on			
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Demonstrate :	an	ability 1	to	take a	ps	ychosocial	history	/

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Demonstrate an ability to examine student characteristics, including the effects of socioeconomic status, unemployment, aging, gender, culture, race, ethnicity, chronic illness, developmental transitions and interpersonal, family and community.

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Demonstrate an ability to use basic techniques of counseling:

a. Basic empathic responding

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

b. Using open-ended questions

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

c. Focusing the student on feelings and behaviors to clarify problem

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

d. Dealing with silence comfortably

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Demonstrate an ability to attend to your own processes. Includes the examination of counselor characteristics that influence the helping process.

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Demonstrate an ability to help student move from discussing external events to exploring internal feelings, thoughts, and goals.

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Demonstrate an ability to make ethical decisions based on solid understanding of the ethical obligations of counselors

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Demonstrate an ability to analyze student verbal and non-verbal behaviors.

6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Demonstrate an ability to discuss termin	natio	n, ye	ear-e	end is	ssue	s, ar	nd transition issues with student.
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrate an ability to play tapes of scounseling sessions.	sess	ions	in cl	ass	and i	incoı	rporate suggestions into your
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Demonstrate a familiarity with resources	s ava	ailab	le at	prac	cticur	m/int	ernship site and in the community.
	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Counselor Trainee					Date)	

SCHOOL COUNSELING CONCENTRATION STUDENT EVALUATION OF SITE SUPERVISOR FORM

Sı	ıpe	rvis	or .		
Da	ate Semester				r
Ci		the			from which to evaluate your supervisor and the supervision experience. sponds to how well your supervisor met the objective using the following
					 4 = Strongly Agree 3 = Somewhat Agree 2 = Somewhat Disagree 1 = Strongly Disagree 0 = Not Applicable
					My Supervisor:
4	3	2	1	0	Helps me feel at ease with the supervision process.
4	3	2		10	Makes supervision a constructive learning process.
4	3	2	1	0	Provides me with specific help in areas I need work on.
4	3	2	1	0	Addresses issues relevant to my current concerns as a counselor.
4	3	2	1	0	Helps me focus on how my counseling behavior influences the student.
4	3	2	1	0	Structures supervision appropriately.
4	3	2	1	0	Adequately emphasizes the development of my strengths and capabilities.
4	3	2	1	0	Enables me to brainstorm solutions, responses, and techniques that would be helpful in future counseling situations.
4	3	2	1	0	Enables me to become actively involved in the supervision process.
4	3	2	1	0	Makes me feel accepted and respected as a person.
4	3	2	1	0	Conveys competence.

4	3	2	1	0	Is helpful with case notes and report writing.
4	3	2	1	0	Can accept feedback from counselor.
4	3	2	1	0	Enables me to express opinions, questions and concerns about my counseling.
4	3	2	1	0	Helps me clarify my counseling objectives.
4	3	2	1	0	Provides me with opportunity to adequately discuss the major difficulties I am facing with my students.
4	3	2	1	0	Encourages me to conceptualize in new ways regarding my students.
4	3	2	1	0	Challenges me to accurately perceive the thoughts, feelings and goals of my student and myself during counseling.
4	3	2	1	0	Provides suggestions for developing my Counseling skills.
4	3	2	1	0	Gives me useful feedback.
4	3	2	1	0	Allows and encourages me to evaluate myself.
4	3	2	1	0	Explains the criteria for evaluation clearly and in behavioral terms.
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Co		sel	 or 1	Frainee	