

Advisement for Community Counseling Majors

1. Talk about desired employment opportunities or what populations they anticipate wanting to counsel. Where they want to begin their career will guide their practicum and internship experiences.
2. Suggest they purchase the APA manual and a good tape recorder or video recorder.
3. Describe the sequence of pre-practicum, practicum, and 2 semesters of internship and all requirements.

Pre-Practicum – at least 5 counseling sessions outside of class with other classmates on campus (may total up to 15 sessions over the course of the semester, 5 as the counselor, 5 as the observer, and 5 as the client)

Practicum – 100 hours over the course of the semester, 40 hours must be direct service. Ten hours are from group counseling experience. (Usually 8 to 10 hours a week on site) One and a half hours in class and 1 hour with instructor outside of class.

Internship – 20 hours per week on site fall and spring, 40 hours per week during summer. Class usually meets twice a month for 2 and ½ hours.

4. Be sure to read department newsletter and attend mandatory meetings to be held the semester prior to taking practicum or internship.
5. Apply for graduation at the beginning of the semester you are to graduate. The CSD department also holds a graduation ceremony the Friday before university graduation.
6. Make sure they know about the sequence of classes. Courses scheduled the first and third semester are always offered in the fall. Courses scheduled the second and fourth semester are always offered in the spring. Additional offerings may occur, but check with your advisor, especially if you are part-time.
7. They should have taken Abnormal Psychology within the previous five years. It is a prerequisite for the DSM course.
8. Inform students about CSI – honor society.
9. NCE exam is usually offered on campus one semester before graduation.
10. Sign study plan and handbook agreement form.