

Clinical, Internship, Practicum, and Field Experience Descriptions

Clinical observation courses have a focus on experiential learning under the direct supervision of a faculty member wherein the student actively observes the clinical treatment or counseling of one or more clients or patients in an adapted classroom or clinical setting.

Clinical practice courses have a focus on experiential and/or applied learning under the direct or indirect (as appropriate) supervision of a faculty member wherein the student performs substantive work and gains practical experience in the treatment or counseling of one or more clients or patients in a clinical or simulated setting.

Internship courses have a focus on applied learning related to the academic and/or career interests of the student where a faculty member regularly interacts and directs student outcomes with periodic contact, but where the actual learning environment takes place off-campus at an approved site. Internships approximate the full scope of professional responsibilities associated with the position.

Practicum courses have a focus on practical work experience in a particular field where a faculty member regularly interacts and directs student outcomes. Practica may be conducted on campus or off-campus at an approved site and provide students with a focused learning experience whereby the student is assigned a limited set of duties or projects, but not the full scope of duties customarily associated with the position.

Field experience courses allow for independent learning and the development and application of job related or practical skills in a particular discipline. Field experience allows for observation, participation, and fieldwork. Field experiences are supervised by a faculty member and are generally offered off campus.