



Course	COUN 6000 Counseling Learning Practicum I		
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Catalog Description	Students are required to complete a practicum in conjunction with their counseling curriculum. Each student plans his or her practicum with an academic advisor before completion of 15 credit hours in the program. A formal practicum proposal must be submitted to the counseling advisor before a student can register for the practicum, and the practicum should constitute the last course hours of the student's program. This is a non-paid practicum. Prerequisite: completion of all other required courses in this major. Course may be repeated for credit. The practicum is graded on the CR (credit) Option. Certain states may require more than 6 credit hours of practicum. Requires permission of instructor/academic advisor.		
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Course Level Learning Outcomes	Outcome	Expectation	
	1. Develop and sustain a basic helping relationship with clients in a community agency setting.	Student will demonstrate ability to establish and maintain a relationship characterized by trust, respect and positive regard with the client.	
	2. Conceptualize client's issues according to accepted professional practice and standards.	Students will utilize appropriate diagnostic and assessment resources in the development of treatment plans.	
	3. Develop therapeutic goals with clients.	Student will establish short- and long-term goals in accord with the agency's treatment plan and the client's personal values.	
	4. Utilize counseling theories in the development and delivery of counseling services.	Student will demonstrate appropriate counseling strategies and interventions with clients and be able to articulate the theoretical basis for counseling process used with clients.	
	5. Locate and use appropriate referral sources for clients	Student will demonstrate appropriate use of agency and community	

	when necessary.	resources in treatment plans and interventions.	
	6. Document counseling activities in professional manner.	Student will maintain professional records according to agency protocols.	
	7. Understand and follow all agency policies and procedures.	Student will behave in accordance with all agency policies and directives.	
	8. Utilize professional supervision regarding therapeutic style and interventions.	Student will participate in professional supervision with the site supervisor and the Webster instructor.	
Materials	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders DSM-IV-TR, 4 th edition (text revised), American Psychiatric Association. There will be a \$40.00 fee payable by check for assessment exam.		
Grading	The practicum is graded on the CR (credit) Option. The GRADUATE catalog provides these guidelines and grading options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/A- Superior graduate work • B+/B/B- Satisfactory graduate work • C Work that is barely adequate as graduate-level performance • CR Work that is performed as satisfactory graduate work (B- or better). A grade of "CR" is reserved for courses designated by a department, involving internships, a thesis, practicum, or specified courses. • F Work that is unsatisfactory • I Incomplete work • ZF An incomplete which was not completed within one year of the end of the course. ZF is treated the same as an F or NC for all cases involving G.P.A., academic warning, probation, and dismissal. • IP In progress • NR Not reported • W Withdrawn from the course 		
Activities	Each student in the Counseling Masters of Arts program is required to complete at least 6 credit hours of Counseling Learning Practica over at least two separate semesters (or terms.) For each three-credit hours of practicum credit a student must log a minimum of 150 clock hours at the practicum placement. (A total of at least 300 clock hours is required for the six credit hours of practica.) A minimum of 75 hours of direct client services is required in each three credit-hour practicum. <u>Each student is required to complete a Practicum Proposal according to the guidelines provided by the Webster instructor prior to the start of class.</u> Practicum activities should be directly related to the goals and objectives that the student has developed for his/her practicum experience with the Webster University Practicum instructor of record and the student's agency		

	<p>supervisor. Students are expected to receive one hour of one-to-one supervision from their practicum supervisor for every ten hours of professional experience in the practicum setting. Students are expected to provide professional counseling services to agency clients in both individual and group settings and should expect to participate in agency staffing and professional development opportunities.</p> <p>All practicum students will participate in Webster classroom activities as required by the Webster instructor. Class activities will include student presentations and discussions of treatment plans, case studies, role plays and diagnostic as well as therapeutic topics. At the conclusion of the practicum class, each student will provide the instructor with a personal practicum evaluative report as well as a comprehensive log of practicum activities and a practicum evaluation both signed by the student's practicum site supervisor.</p>
<p>Policy Statements: University Policies</p>	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p>Academic Honesty The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p>Drops and Withdrawals Please be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals (published elsewhere) to find out what the deadlines are for dropping a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p>Special Services If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p> <p>Disturbances Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, disruption of class by inconsiderate behavior is not</p>

	<p>acceptable. Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with dignity and respect, especially in cases where a diversity of opinion arises. Students who engage in disruptive behavior are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course.</p> <p>Student Assignments Retained From time to time, student assignments or projects will be retained by The Department for the purpose of academic assessment. In every case, should the assignment or project be shared outside the academic Department, the student's name and all identifying information about that student will be redacted from the assignment or project.</p> <p>Contact Hours for this Course It is essential that all classes meet for the full instructional time as scheduled. A class cannot be shortened in length. If a class session is cancelled for any reason, it must be rescheduled.</p>
Course Policies	<p>The student's proposal must be <u>submitted and approved</u> by the instructor <u>prior</u> to the start of the class.</p> <p>The student's personal evaluative report and signed log as well as the supervisor's evaluation must be submitted to the Webster instructor before a grade will be entered.</p> <p>Students must complete all requirements for the first practicum before any hours for the second practicum may be credited.</p>