

PRACTICUM CONTRACT

**Valparaiso University
Department of Psychology
Graduate Program in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

The purpose of this document is to specify the terms of the agreement that will exist between the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program at Valparaiso University and the placement field site. The terms of the agreement will be subject to modification and/or amendment only if all parties are of one accord. The specific agreement will exist between _____, Dr. Misty Hatch, LMHC, NCC, Clinical Training Coordinator, and _____.

The following student:

Name: _____

Course: COUN 685: Counseling Practicum _____

Semester: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Will serve a field placement at the following site:

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Site Supervisor Name and Credentials: _____

Site Supervisor Email: _____

Site Supervisor License #: _____

This field placement will begin on _____ and will end on _____ and will consist of approximately _____ hours per week of on-site training, for a total of _____ hours of training.

The Practicum Program

The Practicum program consists of a minimum of 120 hours with 40 of those hours being direct contact hours with clients, and 10 hours of group experience. This program is intended to fulfill the practicum requirement for the master's degree in the CMHC concentration with a total of 3 credit hours.

Responsibilities of the Practicum Student

The student shall be responsible for: **STUDENTS MUST INCLUDE #'s 1-7; Several objectives must be added beyond 1-7 that are agreed upon with the site supervisor: 8-11 provide examples of what these objectives MIGHT look like.**

1. Completing a minimum of **120** hours with a minimum of **40** hours in direct client service and **10** hours of group experience.
2. Maintaining an accurate record as required by the on-site supervisor.
3. Maintaining a log of time spent and all practicum activities which will be reviewed on a weekly basis and verified by the on-site supervisor's signature. These logs will be turned in bi-weekly to the university group supervisor for review.
4. Completing and submitting counseling session tapes (a minimum of 4 during the full summer session)
5. Being at the training site according to a mutually negotiated schedule between the on-site supervisor(s) and student. Any deviation from that schedule is at the discretion of the student in consultation with his/her supervisor.
6. Being directly accountable to the on-site supervisor for actions and behavior while on site.
7. Abiding by the rules, regulations and policies of the placement agency/organization. This is particularly important with regard to client confidentiality and to ethical conduct.
8. Receiving supervision and instruction in the programs and procedures of:

9. Administering assessments to evaluate client abilities, strengths, and needs.
10. Scoring and interpreting the assessments that are conducted and writing reports based on interpretations of assessment results.
11. Providing feedback and career guidance to clients following the evaluation.

Responsibilities of the On-Site Supervisor

The on-site supervisor will serve as a consultant and supervisor for the practicum student while the student is on-site. Regular weekly individual supervision of at least one hour between the on-site supervisor and the practicum student is required. Additionally, the on-site supervisor will be required to complete the Midterm and Final Evaluation of the Practicum student.

Responsibilities of the Group University Supervisor

The Group University Supervisor shall meet with the practicum student on a weekly basis for 1.5 hours in a group format for the purpose of:

1. Discussing the timely concerns and issues of the student group enrolled in the practicum course
2. Being available as another faculty consultant to provide feedback and guidance related to student's placement concerns.
3. Evaluating at least one tape presentation during the course of the semester
4. Making a site visit during the course of the semester to meet with the on-site supervisor.

In the unlikely event that a problematic situation occurs between the on-site supervisor and the practicum student, which is difficult to resolve, either the on-site supervisor or the practicum student may contact the student's university supervisors or the Clinical Training Coordinator.

Practicum Student

Date

On-Site Supervisor

Date

Valparaiso University Clinical Training Coordinator

Date

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IMPORTANT: THE ASSIGNED **SITE SUPERVISOR** MUST INITIAL THE BOX BELOW TO VERIFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. HOLD A MINIMUM OF A MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING OR A RELATED FIELD
2. ARE CURRENT AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH ALL CLINICAL CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSE NOTED ABOVE
3. HAVE A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

By initialing this box, you are verifying all of the above criteria are being met

