

## PSY 451 Supervised Clinical Experience (Practicum)

Practicum is a community based, experiential course. In addition to once-weekly, mandatory class meetings, students are required to accrue 120 on-site hours over the course of the semester, averaging 8-10 hours per week. Prerequisites for the course are passing grades in: PSY 346, 347, 450 (C or better) and instructor approval.

Students are responsible for seeking out their own practicum placements and for maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards of behavior while on site. Students are to comply with agency standards of conduct, dress, and scheduling. Students are to attend all mandatory trainings that may be required by their chosen site and are to comply with all required administrative policies, such as background checks, drug tests etc., necessary for working within the agency.

Class format is based on a group supervision model, which facilitates the sharing of clinical practicum experiences. Students are encouraged to use group supervision as an opportunity to identify and apply clinical theory in practice. Student grades are based on supervisor evaluations, class attendance/participation and two class power point presentations (one group and one individual). Individual presentations are about the student's practicum site. Group presentations will be about social issues that impact the general population and may be of focus in a clinical setting. Students are responsible for 5 readings chosen by this instructor, which will form the basis of the group presentations.