GENERIC SYLLABI FOR WEB POSTING

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Graduate School of Education - Counseling & Development

EDCD 790/791: Internship in Counseling and Development

Semester: Fall 2005

Day/Time: Wednesdays 4:30-7:10 PM  Location: North Springfield Elementary School
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Course Description

Catalog: Prerequisite: Completion of the Counseling & Development Program except for internship: permission of advisor; overall GPA of 3.0, no grade of C in any skills courses [EDCD 605, EDCD 607, EDCD 608, EDCD 610, EDCD 754], no more than two grades of C in any other graduate course work required by the Counseling & Development Program. Supervised practice in a counseling setting similar in which the student may work. Skills and practice build on previous practicum experiences. Weekly graduate class with emphasis on site processing.

Relationship to C&D Program Goals and Professional Organization [Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs-CACREP]:

EDCD 790/791 is the culminating course for master’s degree students in the Counseling & Development [C&D] program. The internship experience is designed to enhance those skills acquired in practicum. This semester will provide opportunities to refine basic skills, acquire advanced skills, and reflect on ways to improve understanding and conceptual ability. Additional emphasis will be on C&D’s basic mission statement, stressing the need for counselors to demonstrate Advocacy, Leadership, Social Justice, and Multicultural Competencies.

EDCD 790/791 fulfills the requirements for the following professional organizations:

- Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) requirements that counselor education programs include the study of helping relationships.
  - CACREP-Section II.K.a: An understanding of all aspects of professional functioning; and
  - CACREP-Section SCP.D: Clinical instruction.
- American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics requirement that counselors establish counselor education and training programs that integrate academic study and supervised practice.

Weekly class seminars will focus on presenting, discussing, and conceptualizing cases. Students will have opportunities to discuss specific site-related issues and to strategize about techniques and interventions. Because of the serious nature of this work, it is essential that students discuss their reactions and feelings. Such discussions, however, cannot take place outside the context of a supervised class or appropriate site circumstance. Students may not discuss cases in other classes, with friends or relatives, or in social situations. It is essential to maintain confidentiality. Violations of this principle in any form will be treated as a serious ethical/legal infraction. Please do discuss cases in class. That is the primary purpose for meeting. It is also imperative that students discuss cases with their on-site supervisor. If students have questions or concerns that need immediate attention, please contact your university instructor.

Student Outcomes:

- Select and apply appropriate counseling theories and interventions with a diverse student populations;
- Perform duties expected in a specific counseling setting, to include working collaboratively with colleagues and supervisors, developing necessary treatment/school counseling plans, and responding appropriately to ethical and legal situations.
Course Materials

Other Required Readings
Selected articles from professional journals. Examples:
   a) *Journal of Counseling and Development*. (ACA).
   b) *Professional School Counseling*. (ASCA).
   c) *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*. (AMHCA).

PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITIONS
GMU students are expected to exhibit professional behavior and dispositions. See: [www.gse.gmu.edu](http://www.gse.gmu.edu) for a listing of these dispositions. As counselor trainees, you have *additional* professional performance standards.

**C&D’s Professional Performance Criteria (Effective February 25, 2003)**
The American Counseling Association code of ethics requires counselors and counselor trainees to maintain standards of professional competence and possess good moral character. Therefore, the Counseling and Development Program in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University requires its students to exhibit the following:

**Communication Skills**
- Clear presentation and demonstration of multicultural competencies in counseling skills
- Clear oral communication
- Clear written communication
- Clear ability to demonstrate effective and supportive helping skills
- Clear ability to demonstrate effective listening skills

**Collaboration**
- Respect for the opinion and dignity of others
- Ability to collaborate with others
- Ability to demonstrate effective interpersonal skills
- Ability to participate as a colleague and team member in all aspects of professional training
- Commitment to multiculturalism and diversity
- Commitment to social justice as it relates to counseling
- Respect of multiculturalism and diverse cultures
- Demonstration of openness, willingness to learn, and positive attitude about multiculturalism and diverse cultures
- Commitment to the psychological well-being, health, and wellness for all people
- Sound judgment
- Integrity and honesty
- Ability to accept personal responsibility
- Ability to receive and reflect upon constructive criticism
- Positive attitude
- Ability to meet deadlines
- Ability to maintain confidentiality with clients, students, and colleagues
- Appropriate assertiveness
- Ability to manage stress
- Ability to meet requirements as stated in course syllabi
- Adherence to ACA ethical guidelines

**GMU’s HONOR CODE**
*To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of George Mason University and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the members of George Mason University, have set forth the following code of honor. Any individual who is caught in the act of cheating, attempting to cheat, plagiarizing, or stealing will be brought forth before a council of their peers. In the even that the individual is found guilty, he or she will be punished accordingly.*
Refer to the GMU’s catalog or website at [http://www.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/#TOC_H12](http://www.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/#TOC_H12) for the full honor code.
NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in the series, programs, or activities of all State and local Governments. Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the GMU Disability Resource Center (DRC) and inform the instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester. See www.gmu.edu/student/drc or call 703-993-2474 to access the DRC.

GRADUATION – Reminder
The GMU Graduation website is: [http://gse.gmu.edu/graduation/index.htm](http://gse.gmu.edu/graduation/index.htm)
The graduation intent form and applications will be available late --------.
1. File an on-line “intent to graduate” and graduation application form by due dates.
2. Contact Mary Miller, Graduate Coordinator, with any questions regarding graduation:
   Office: Robinson A-308C    Phone: (703) 993-2076   Email: mmillerw@gmu.edu
3. IMPORTANT: Make an appointment mid-late November to meet with your advisor for your final exit interview.

Grading
EDCD 790/791 is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. The following must be met to receive a PASSING grade:
- Attendance at each class. As a graduate student, you are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire class period. **Missing two classes or not regularly following your site placement schedule could result in failing this course.**
- Active class participation, including providing constructive feedback and suggestions for classmates.
- Completion of all assignments of acceptable quality, turned in by date due.
- Satisfactory evaluation from On-Site Supervisor.

Course Requirements/Assignments – General. See P/I Manual for detailed instructions/expectations.
- A minimum of 200 hours in the field placement - Log of hours and activities.
- *School Counseling Practicum/Internship Contract*
- Written evaluation of intern from On-Site Supervisor.
- Written evaluation of site from GMU student counseling intern.
- Special Education Report.
- Two individual tape presentations.
- Site Accountability Project.
- Professional Role Statement, Theory, and Focus Paper - Portfolio.

Class Schedule
WEEK 1    Introduction to Course / Internship Manual
WEEK 2    Course Orientation; ASCA’s National Model for School Counseling Programs; Internship Portfolio
WEEK 3    Suicide & Issues of Loss; Site Processing
WEEK 4    Child Abuse Recognition and Intervention Training (CAIT); Site Processing
WEEK 5    No Class – Site Visits
WEEK 6    Job Interview – practice session; Site Processing
WEEK 7    No Child Left Behind – Implications for School Counselors; Site Processing
WEEK 8    Collaboration and Teaming: Working with Administrators, Faculty, and Parents; Advocacy: Special Education/504/Resources; Site Processing
WEEK 9    Individual appointments with instructor
WEEK 10   Individual appointments with instructor
WEEK 11   Peer/instructor evaluation; Site Processing
WEEK 12   Professional Growth Night
WEEK 13   Site Accountability Project-presentations; Site Processing
WEEK 14   Portfolio Presentations; Class evaluation; VA School Licensure Applications