

Psychology 660	Summer Practicum in Clinical Psychology	Spring/Summer 2014
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Course Description and Goals

This course is designed to provide a supervised training experience in an approved community setting with a focus on basic issues and techniques in the practice of psychological assessment. Students will be expected to utilize the assessment skills and techniques from first-year courses in adult and/or child assessment, as well as gain familiarity with new assessment procedures as appropriate.

Required Text

There is no required text for this course; however, clinical supervisors may assign readings as necessary.

Evaluation

Students will be required to be on-site 2 days per week for 14 weeks during the months of May through August inclusive. Note that there is flexibility in this schedule, for example, to accommodate vacation schedules. However, students are required to complete the equivalent number of hours (approximately 225). Responsibilities include the completion of at least but not limited to five psychological assessments with reports. These assessments should reflect a mix of both cognitive/intellectual and personality assessment. Additional responsibilities will vary depending on the setting but may include the following activities: observation, case conferences, treatment team meetings, seminars, consultation, or library research relevant to a particular case. At least 25% of students' clinical hours should be direct service and one hour of supervision should be provided for every four hours of direct service. Students should record their practicum activities in the standard APPIC format.

Grade assignment is based on meeting student responsibilities throughout the course (e.g., attendance at setting, acceptable completion of all assignments, professional and ethical conduct at all times). Students are expected to discuss expectations and goals for the practicum with their supervisors at the outset of the placement, and to complete and submit the Practicum Agreement Form.

Supervisors are expected to provide ongoing feedback to students regarding their performance and will complete two evaluation forms (midterm and final). Supervisors will submit the final grade to the course instructor. **The grading options are clear pass, marginal pass, and fail.** In the case of a marginal pass or fail, the student, supervisor, and course instructor will meet to discuss whether the course deficiencies are remediable and, if appropriate, the content and implementation of a remedial plan.

Students will also complete and submit an evaluation of their practicum experiences. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss their evaluations of the site and supervisor with their supervisors; however, they are not required to do so.

Forms can be found on the Dept. of Psychology website:

<http://psychology.ucalgary.ca/graduate/program-clinical-psychology/forms-and-documents>.

Approximate deadlines for these forms are as follows:

Practicum Agreement Form – within two weeks of beginning the practicum

Supervisor’s Midterm Evaluation – June 30th, 2014

Supervisor’s Final Evaluation – August 27nd, 2014*

Student’s evaluation – within two weeks of completing the practicum

*Please note that this deadline is set by the University of Calgary Registrar for the submission of final grades for the summer term. If you are unable to submit your evaluation form by this date, please contact the course instructor at 403 220 5096 or ksdobson@ucalgary.ca.

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that supervisors have access to the requisite forms and are aware of program deadlines. Students should contact the course instructor in advance of the deadline if the documentation will be delayed. Note that students will not receive a grade for the course or credit for clinical hours until all documentation is signed and submitted.

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course with no “w” notation and **still receive a tuition fee refund** is **May 25th, 2014**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **August 15th, 2014**.