Syllabus

Course Information:
Psychology 5396.001/Psychology 5397.001

Supervised Practicum in Psychology
Fall 2015
Class Meeting Time:  Tuesday 5-7:45 in BEP 213
Office Hours:  by appointment

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Course Catalogue Description:
450 or 300 clock hours of supervised experience in a setting in which psychological or counseling services are provided. Grades = CR/NCR/IP only.

Course includes on-campus small group supervision meetings. Students must complete a Supervised Practicum prior to degree completion. This practicum experience is necessary in order to meet the established criteria for state licensing requirements. The practicum experience is designed as a psychology course at UT Tyler but is conducted off-site under the supervision of a qualified licensed professional at external settings. Practicum experience is usually conducted at local mental health centers, hospitals, or clinics but may be done at any setting in which supervised mental health services can be provided. Each student may choose a practicum experience with approval from the practicum instructor. Direct client services at a practicum site for PSYC 5396 should not begin until the student has completed the PSYC 5393 Applied Therapy course. Practicum placements involving only psychological testing for PSYC 5397 may be approved by the instructor prior to the completion of PSYC 5393, provided that the student has already completed the relevant testing courses in preparation of that Practicum site.

PRACTICUM REQUIREMENTS Fall 2015

M.S. Clinical Students- General and Neuropsychology specialization

Enroll in both 5396 and 5397 (per degree plan)

Complete a total of 450 hours

Must be under supervision of a licensed psychologist (Dr. Combs is the class instructor) AND have an on-site supervisor
Psyc 5396 - 300 total hours with 150 direct hours; 1 hour of weekly individual supervision from your site supervisor.

Attend all classes; complete all course requirements; complete CPCE

Psyc 5397 - 150 hours with 75 direct hours. These 75 hours can be therapy, psychological assessment or neuropsychological assessment; 1 hour of weekly supervision. Psyc 5397 students do not have to attend class.

Direct hours = testing, therapy; intakes, interviews

Indirect hours = chart reviews, assessment scoring, report writing, meeting attendance, case conferences, any training at your location; individual supervision; class attendance

M.S. Clinical with school psychology specialization

Enroll in Psyc 5396 only- complete 300 hours in a school or school related setting. These hours should be focused in assessment and treatment with children and adolescents. It is recommended that 50% (150-200 hours) be direct service hours in the areas of assessment and treatment. Students must have an LSSP supervisor with 1-2 hours of weekly individual supervision.

Attend all classes; complete course requirements; complete CPCE

M.A. in Counseling

Enroll in Coun/Psyc 5396 only- complete 300 total hours with 100 hours being in direct client counseling contact; no practicum related only to assessment will count. Students must have a supervisor who can practice independently such as an LPC-S, LPC, LCSW, Psychiatrist, or Licensed Psychologist Supervisor.

Attend all classes; complete course requirements; complete CPCE
Licensing Requirements:

(a) Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA): The practicum experience must include two of these practicum courses totaling at least 450 clock hours of experience in a psychological setting supervised by a Licensed Psychologist. The practicum must not be done in more than two placements, and the supervisor may not be related within the second degree of affinity or consanguinity to the student. All other supervision requirements of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists which are applicable to our practicum students will apply. Students wishing to apply for the LPA must enroll in Psyc 5396 and Psyc 5397.

(b) Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC): The practicum experience can be attained by one of these practicum courses totaling at least 300 clock hours of experience in a counseling setting supervised by a Licensed Professional Counselor, Psychologist, Psychiatrist, or Masters Social Worker. Of this 300 hours, 100 must be in direct counseling hours. The practicum experience must be primarily in the provision of direct counseling/psychotherapy services. Academic credit must appear on the student’s graduate transcript. No practicum intended primarily for the practice of administration and scoring of appraisal or assessment instruments shall count toward the 300 clock hour requirement. All other supervision requirements of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors which are applicable to our practicum students will apply.

(c) Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP): The practicum experience can be attained by one of these practicum courses totaling at least 300 clock hours of experience in a school setting of your choice under supervision of a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology. All other requirements of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists which are applicable to our practicum students will apply. See Dr. Livingston for more information about the school psychology program.

(d) For CMHC students- CACREP guidelines specify 600 hours of practicum in a mental health setting. IF you are in CMHC program, then you need to enroll in CMHC internship I and II.

Student Learning Outcomes and Assessments:

Clinical Psychology Assessment Outcomes:

1.0 Psychological Diagnosis and Conceptualization: Students will accurately diagnose and conceptualize major DSM-IV-TR Axis I and Axis II disorders.

   Assessment: 1.1 Students will conduct live videotaped psychotherapy/counseling sessions and prepare written diagnostic reports in PSYCH 5396/5397: Supervised Practicum in Psychology classes. During the last week of the course, practicum site supervisors will conduct a cumulative evaluation of students’ knowledge and skills in diagnosis based on video and written reported using the Student Clinical Skills Evaluation form (SCSE).

3.0 Psychological Therapy Methods: Students will describe, explain, discuss the scientific basis for psychological therapy methods/interventions, and demonstrate effective psychological
therapy skills.

**Assessment:**  3.3 During their final 15 semester credit hours prior to graduation, students will conduct live/videotaped counseling/psychotherapy sessions in PSYC 5396/5397: Supervised Practicum in Psychology classes. During the final week of the course, practicum site supervisors will conduct a cumulative evaluation of students’ clinical/counseling skills based on video and written reports using the Student Clinical Skills Evaluation form (SCSE).

**Counseling Psychology Assessment Outcomes:**

3.0  3.0 Counseling Helping Relationship Skills: Students will describe, explain, discuss the scientific basis for psychological therapy methods/interventions, and demonstrate effective psychological therapy skills.

**Assessment:**  3.3 During their final 15 semester credit hours prior to graduation, students will conduct live/videotaped counseling/psychotherapy sessions in PSYC 5396/5397: Supervised Practicum in Psychology classes. During the final week of the course, practicum site supervisors will conduct a cumulative evaluation of students’ clinical/counseling skills based on video and written reports using the Student Clinical Skills Evaluation form (SCSE).

**Evaluation and Grading:**

(a) Observation and discussion of experience with supervisor (1 hour per week); may include maintenance of appropriate case notes, videotaping of therapy sessions if allowed.

(b) A letter of agreement from the on-site supervisor co-signed by the student will be sent to UT Tyler practicum supervisor at the start of the practicum. It will specify the hours to be fulfilled, the charted hours to be kept by the student, and information about the type of experiences in which the student will participate. The supervisor must supervise the student face-to-face at least one hour a week. *Psyc 5396 Students must attend all assigned classes.*

If you are enrolled in *Psyc 5397, you do not have to attend class.*

(c) At the end of the practicum, the site supervisor will be asked to complete a SCSE form and submit it to the practicum instructor. This form will be emailed to your supervisor. Each student will also complete a SCSE form submit the form to the instructor.

(d) Each student will be expected to submit a written treatment plan or assessment report for at least one client.

To receive CR grade (credit for the course), students must:

a. Accumulate a minimum of 150, 300 or 450 depending on degree plan.

b. Receive SCSE ratings that average at least “Meets Expectations” on each skill set with no rating of “Does Not At All Meet Expectations.”

c. Receive an overall recommendation for a CR grade from the site supervisor and the
practicum instructor.

d. Attend practicum meetings unless alternative arrangements are made with instructor and fellow graduate students

e. Take the CPCE exam, turn in all assignments, and complete the department exit survey.

Teaching Strategies:

In-class small group supervision: Students will participate in on-campus small group supervision with the course instructor and other enrolled students. Groups will meet approximately eight to ten times throughout the semester, and attendance is expected. During the small group supervision, students will discuss their on-site activities, present clients with whom they are working in order to facilitate group learning and to gain feedback, and address specific topics and/or issues pertaining to their work at local sites. This small group supervision is supplemental to the on-site individual supervision. Each student is expected to present a case for discussion at least twice during the semester.

Insurance: Students must obtain professional liability insurance before practicum is started. Students should have insurance already as a requirement for the Applied Therapy class. Students must turn in a copy of a document showing a policy is in force for the semester.

Topics Outline and Calendar

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