

**George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Counseling & Development**

EDCD 791: Internship in School Counseling

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Course Description:

- A. Completion of C&D program coursework except for electives and internship; permission of advisor; overall gpa of 3.0; and no grade lower than a B in skills courses (EDCD 603, 606, 608, 609); no more than two grades of C in any other graduate course work required by the C & D program.
- B. Provides supervised practice for minimum of 200 hours in a school setting similar to the setting in which the student may work. Skills and practice build on previous practicum experiences. Weekly graduate class emphasized site processing.

Learner Objectives:

This course is designed to enable students to:

1. Demonstrate self-awareness, sensitivity to others, and the skills needed to related to diverse individuals, groups, and classrooms. (CACREP, D.1)
2. Provide individual and group counseling and classroom guidance to promote the academic, career, and personal/social development of students (CACREP, D.2)
3. Designs and implements prevention and intervention plans related to the effects of a) atypical growth and development, b) health and wellness, c) language, d) ability level, e) multicultural issues, and f) factors of resiliency on student learning and development. (CACREP D.3)
4. Demonstrate the ability to recognize her or his limitations as a school counselor and to seek supervision or refer clients when appropriate (CACREP D.5)
5. Advocates for the learning and academic experiences necessary to promote the academic, career, and personal/social development of students (CACREP F.1)

6. Advocates for the learning and academic experiences necessary to promote the academic, career, and personal/social development of students. (CACREP F.2)
7. Advocates for school policies, programs, and services that enhance a positive school climate and are equitable and responsive to multicultural student populations. (CACREP F.3)
8. Engages parents, guardians, and families to promote the academic, career, and personal/social development of students. (CACREP F.4)
9. Conducts programs designed to enhance student academic development (CACREP L.1)
10. Implements strategies and activities to prepare students for a full range of postsecondary options and opportunities (CACREP L.2)
11. Works with parents, guardians, and families to act on behalf of their children to address problems that affect student success (CACREP N.1)
12. Consults with teachers, staff, and community based organizations to promote student academic, career, and personal/social development (CACREP N.2)
13. Participates in the design, implementation, management, and evaluation of a comprehensive developmental school counseling program (CACREP P.1)

Recommended Texts:

- American School Counselor Association (2012). *The ASCA National Model: A framework for school counseling programs* (3rd ed.). Alexandria, VA: Author.
- Dimmitt, C., Carey, J.C., & Hatch, T. (2007). *Evidence-Based school counseling: Making a difference with data-driven practices*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.
- Holcomb-McCoy, C. (2007). *School counseling to close the achievement gap: A social justice framework for success*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.
- Kaffenberger, C. & Young, A. (2008). *Making DATA work*. Alexandria, VA: American School Counseling Association.
- Murphy, S. (2007). *PreK-12 Practicum/Internship manual (9th ed)*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University.

Professional articles will be assigned and distributed via Blackboard as indicated on the course schedule, and further articles may be assigned at any time during the semester.

COURSE PROCESS, ASSIGNMENTS, AND EXAMINATIONS

Course process and structure:

Seminar-style class discussions, group supervision, & triadic supervision. Class discussions will include brief didactic presentations on relevant and emerging topics for the practicum students, and will include time for group discussion. Group supervision will focus on providing students a opportunity to present, discuss, and conceptualize, and receive feedback on current cases and issues at their practicum setting. Students will have opportunities to discuss specific site-related issues and to strategize about techniques and interventions. Triadic supervision will occur between instructor/supervisor and two students, with supervisees taking turns sharing a taped counseling interaction with a student/client. 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 not 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.

General Requirements:

1. GMU's Professional Dispositions:
 - GMU students are expected to exhibit professional behavior and dispositions as stated: *"The Graduate School of Education expects students, faculty, and staff to exhibit professional dispositions through a:*
 - Commitment to the profession
 - Commitment to honoring professional ethical standards
 - Commitment to key elements of professional practice
 - Commitment to being a member of a learning community
 - Commitment to democratic values and social justice

For more details on these dispositions:
<http://gse.gmu.edu/facultystaffres/profdisp.htm>
2. **Professional Counseling Liability Insurance.** Student Counselors *must* purchase their own professional counseling liability insurance policy. Professional counseling organizations provide such coverage, some with association membership, and offer student rates.
3. **School Counseling Internship Contract and Goal Statement.** Students are expected to read over and complete the Internship contract with their site supervisor, as well as develop a one page Personal Goals Statement which describes goals particular to your needs and the experiences available at the site. Contracts will be signed at the first Site Supervisor, University Supervisor and student counselor meeting.

4. **Satisfactory mid-semester and final evaluations from Site Supervisor.** These evaluations should be completed by the site supervisor, and practicum students should meet with their site supervisors to process these evaluations and receive verbal feedback on strengths and successes as well as areas for growth and goals for second half of the semester.
5. **Evaluation of Clinical Field Experience,** to be completed by Intern.

Internship Site Requirements:

1. Student counselors are responsible for **downloading Practicum/Internship documents and providing copies to site supervisors.** *We encourage you to ask your site supervisor whether they would like an electronic copy or a print copy, and make it your responsibility that they have a copy in their desired format.* The following documents are located on the Community Blackboard site: [<https://gmucommunity.blackboard.com>] Overview of Practicum/Internship; School Counseling Practicum/Internship Contract; Log of Hours; Mid-semester Evaluation; Final Evaluation of Site Experience. Students are expected to give their site supervisors copies of all the documents **before the University supervisor's initial site visit.**
2. All C&D students must work at their practicum and internship sites for the full 15 weeks of the semester.
3. A minimum of 200 hours must be spent at the school placement. Hours spent on off-site training experiences may be counted only if prior approval from instructor has been obtained. Hours spent in class or at home preparing GMU assignments may not be counted toward the 200 hours. The minimum number of hours spent on-site at one time is to be no less than a 3-hour block of time.
4. Students are expected to stick to their agreed-upon internship schedule. Any changes of schedule without consent from site supervisor or students' not following their schedule could result in failing this course.
5. A Log of Activities listing and briefly describing all practicum activities and hours is to be maintained, signed by both the student and the on-site supervisor at the completion of the practicum, and submitted on the last day of class. *The Log of Activities should be reviewed during weekly supervision sessions with the site supervisor.*

Class Requirements:

1. Attendance at each class is expected. As a graduate student, you are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire class period. Missing two classes or consistent tardiness/ early departure from class will result in failing this course.

2. Active class participation, including providing constructive feedback and suggestions for classmates.
3. Completion of all assignments of acceptable quality, turned in by date due.

Course Grading and Assignments:

EDCD 791 is graded on a Pass/Fail basis. The following assignments must be met to receive a passing grade:

a) Successful compliance with all requirements listed above (General, Site, and Class requirements)

b) Participation

As a class that focuses on learning from practical experiences of the students, this class places a heavy emphasis on processing of information through class discussion, small group discussion, and participating in experiential activities. Therefore thoughtful, additive participation (beyond just attendance) both in group meetings and in triadic supervision is a requirement for passing this course.

c) Cover Letter

Students will write a cover letter applying for a job as a professional school counselor. Students will provide and receive feedback from other class members on their letters.

d) Introductory Letter

In anticipation of your new job, students will each write a letter to use at a new school, to serve as an introduction to your new school community (Students, faculty, administration, and/or parents)

e) Two student presentations (with recordings)

Students will present at least two individual counseling sessions with students. At least one counseling session will be presented in the larger group, and the other will be presented during triadic supervision. **Written custodial or parental permission must be obtained before recording counseling sessions.** Permission forms should be kept on file with the Site Supervisor, and students should keep a copy for her/his records.

f) Professional Portfolio

Students will complete a professional electronic portfolio, which they will use as a portfolio of professional experiences during the job application and interview process. The portfolio should be an evolving record that authenticates the students knowledge, skills, experiences, and growth as a professional school counselor and educator. Portfolios are expected to have some basic content (Some Introductory Statement, such as Mission, Vision, Philosophy, etc.; Links to relevant course syllabi, links to class artifacts demonstrating students' knowledge and skills) as well as be able to communicate something about the person and the

professional. Keep in mind that this is part of your interview process, so think about how you want to express yourself and represent yourself.

- g) School Counseling Curriculum/Small Group Action Plan and Results Report**
Using the ASCA National Model (3rd ed) as a guide, students will develop an action plan for either a school counseling curriculum unit or a small group experience. Students may collaborate with their supervisor or other educators in developing the Unit or group, but the project should be the intern's primary responsibility. Students will collect data on the Unit or small group, and complete a Results Report (ASCA National Model, 3rd ed) to analyze the program's effectiveness and make suggestions for future implementation of the program. *The Results Report is the PBA for this class, and must be uploaded to TaskStream by the students.*

TASKSTREAM REQUIREMENTS

Every student registered for any C&D course with a required performance-based assessment is required to submit this assessment, *School Counseling Curriculum or Small Group Results Report*, to TaskStream. Evaluation of the performance-based assessment by the course instructor will also be completed in TaskStream. Failure to submit the assessment to TaskStream will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as an Incomplete (IN). Unless the IN grade is changed upon completion of the required TaskStream submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.

GMU POLICIES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

- a) Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://oai.gmu.edu/honorcode/>].
- b) Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html>].
- c) Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- d) The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops, and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See <http://caps.gmu.edu/>].
- e) Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See <http://ods.gmu.edu/>].
- f) Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- g) The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks)

intended to support students as the work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>].

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles.

Counseling & Development Program Professional Dispositions: Professional Performance Criteria (Effective February 25, 2003).

The American Counseling Association (ACA) code of ethics requires counselors and counselor trainees to maintain standards of professional competence and possess good moral character. The Counseling and Development Program in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University has adopted a set of professional performance criteria that is consistent with the ACA code of ethics. Please refer to the dispositions found on the C & D Homepage at:

http://gse.gmu.edu/programs/counseling/professional_performance.htm

Other Reminders

Job Fairs

Check specific school district's website for detailed information: usually under Human Resources or Employment -> Job Fair.

- GMU: Education Recruitment Fair. Check website for details and registration. <http://careers.gmu.edu/calendar/erd>
- Alexandria City Public Schools: <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/>
- Arlington City Public Schools: <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/aps>
- Fairfax County Public Schools: <http://www.fcps.edu>
- Frederick County Public Schools: <http://fcps.org>
- Loudoun County Public Schools: <http://cmsweb1.loudon.k12.va.us/loudoun>
- Manassas Park City Schools: <http://mpark.net>
- Prince William County Schools: <http://www.pwcs.edu>

Graduation Reminder

The graduation website is <http://gse.gmu.edu/graduation/index/htm>

There are several requirements included in the graduation process. All students graduating must file the graduation on-line intent form. These will be available late January. You do not need an advisor signature on these forms. Contact Dean Rodgers' office with questions regarding graduation.

Graduation Exit Interview

Please remember to download the Graduation Exit Interview from Blackboard, and complete it thoroughly and honestly, and send to Stephanie O'Neill (soneill@gmu.edu) before the end of the semester. This data will be compiled without students names and presented to the faculty for program review. We do use this data, so please answer honestly.

Tentative Schedule for EDCE 791 Spring 2013**

Date	Topics	<i>Reading/Assignments Due</i>
Jan 23 Class 1	Orientation to Class, Expectations, Syllabus Review, Goal setting Supervision – Dyads 1 and 3	
Jan 30 Class 2	Group Supervision Supervision – Dyads 2 and 4	
Feb 6 Class 3	Group Supervision Supervision – Dyads 1 and 3	
Feb 13 Class 4	Mock Interview Prep Supervision – Dyads 2 and 4	Cover Letters due
Feb 20 Class 5	Mock Interviews Supervision – Dyads 1 and 3	
Feb 27 Class 6	Cover letter feedback Supervision - Dyads 2 and 4	
Mar 6 Class 7	Group Supervision Supervision – Dyads 1 and 3	Mid-term Evals due
Mar 13 Class 8	GMU Spring Break VSCA Conference – Newport News	
Mar 20 Class 9	Catch up day	
Mar 27 Class 10	Group Supervision Supervision – Dyads 2 and 4	
Apr 3 Class 11	Group Supervision Supervision – Dyads 1 and 3	
Apr 10 Class 12	First year PSC panel Supervision – Dyads 2 and 4	
Apr 17	Group Supervision Supervision – Dyads 1 and 3	Introductory Letters Due
Apr 24 Class 13	Group Supervision Supervision – Dyads 2 and 4	
May 1 Class 14	Group Transition & Termination	Portfolio due Results Reports Uploaded onto Task Stream
May 8	Exam Date	Final Log Due Evaluations Due

*** Deviations may occur to support student learning and unique circumstances.*