



# Fieldwork Manual

## Mental Health Counseling

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# Introduction

This fieldwork manual is a guide for Hunter College Mental Health counseling students, fieldwork course instructors, and site supervisors who are involved in practicum and internship placements. It is intended to help you understand policies, roles, and expectations, and to assist you in the planning process. Counseling proficiency, professional values, and knowledge of the social service system cannot be learned in a classroom alone. It is because we are deeply committed to a partnership of field and coursework that our program emphasizes fieldwork as an essential element in the student's education. [CACREP Standard 4.G]

The site supervisor is central to learning, serving as teacher, role model and mentor. We welcome supervisors to this task, stand ready to offer assistance and hope that you will undertake this process with interest and pleasure. Your contribution to the mutual work of developing new and competent colleagues is greatly appreciated and valued. [CACREP Standard 4.D]

This manual represents policies and procedures relating to the fieldwork student's placement in the field. It is given to students, site supervisors, and fieldwork instructors so that all individuals involved in the fieldwork courses will be aware of the policies and procedures of the Department of Educational Foundations and Counseling. It is assumed that it will be read carefully and that students will be responsible for the information included herein. Since fieldwork placements (placement in a field setting) are an integral part of the student's graduate training, the curriculum is built around the skills and experiences that are developed in the placement. The department acknowledges that a successful field placement is a mutual arrangement, whereby the training setting receives services and input from students and where students gain experience. It is, therefore, vital that all parties are knowledgeable about the procedures and expectations of the field placement and have clear and open channels of communication.

## Counseling program mission statement and objectives

### Counseling Program Mission Statement

Our mission is to train clinicians who are clinically insightful, capable of practicing in various clinical settings, and committed to serving a diverse population that reflects the fabric of New York City. We value an education that promotes cultural humility, curiosity, empathy, critical thinking, self-awareness, ethical practice, advocacy, and an appreciation of human diversity. Our aim is for trainees to provide therapeutic interventions that are

evidence-based, offer practical solutions to everyday concerns, foster personal insight, and promote self-efficacy and overall well-being.

## **Program Objectives**

Counselor education students will demonstrate a set of values and attitudes consistent with the highest professional standards. They are expected to identify with the counseling profession and to adhere to the counseling program's objectives.

1. Students develop a professional identity aligned with the roles and functions of professional school counselors, Mental Health counselors, or Mental Health counselors.
2. Students become effective counselors who use clinical skills and evidence-based strategies to improve the lives of their clients.
3. Students apply ethical standards, principles, and legal considerations in their work with clients.
4. Students develop and demonstrate multicultural humility, knowledge, skills, and advocacy by actively minimizing stereotyping, prejudice, and stigmatization.
5. Students develop an awareness of and a strengths-based approach to human development across the lifespan, including the impact of family, community, and environmental factors, and apply strategies to promote wellness.
6. Students demonstrate the competencies to work both individually and systemically within complex systems by advocating for access, equity, and social justice.

## **Requirements For Students**

The Department approves students in fieldwork settings for a total of three semesters. The first semester fieldwork experience is called a practicum, while the second two semesters of fieldwork experience is called an internship. Students may begin an internship in the fall semester only. Students may begin practicum in the spring semester only. The department distinguishes between the practicum and internship as follows:

### **Practicum**

- Practicum represents 100 hours in the clinical setting with the student having the opportunity to develop basic counseling skills, with 40 hours of direct client contact required. [CACREP Standard 4.Q,R]
  - If a student exceeds this 100-hour minimum, which occurs at many sites, these additional hours cannot count towards their 300-hour internship requirement, even if the student completes both fieldwork experiences at the same site.

- Students are covered by individual professional counseling liability insurance [CACREP Standard 4.B]
- Students are required to meet for a minimum of 1 hour each week, face-to-face, with their on-site supervisor for supervision [CACREP Standard 4.S]
- Students are required to meet weekly in Practicum Seminar (COUNM 718) for small group supervision; scheduled at 5:20 – 7:00 PM or 7:15 – 8:55 PM throughout the semester. [CACREP Standard 4.T]
- Practicum Seminar (COUNM 718) should not exceed 12 students per class [CACREP Standard 4.Z,AA,BB]

Upon successful completion with a grade of B or higher in practicum, students may start their two-semester internship the following fall semester.

## Internship

- Internship is a one-year (two-consecutive semesters) field placement experience that must start in the fall semester and end in the following spring semester.
- Internship represents a minimum of 600 hours over two consecutive semesters (300 hours per semester) during one academic year. These include a minimum of 240 hours of direct service (120 hours per semester). [CACREP Standard 4.U,V]
- Students are covered by individual professional counseling liability insurance [CACREP Standard 4.B]
- Students are required to meet for a minimum of one hour each week, face-to-face, with their site supervisor for supervision. [CACREP Standard 4.W]
- Students are required to meet weekly in Internship Seminars (fall semester: COUNM 725 and spring semester: COUNM 726) for two consecutive semesters of internship, with faculty supervisors while engaged in internship. Students are required to meet for small group supervision, scheduled at 5:20 - 7:00 PM or 7:15 - 8:55 PM throughout each semester (fall and spring.) [CACREP Standard 4.X]
  - Internship Seminars (fall semester: COUNM 725 and spring semester: COUNM 726) should not exceed 12 students per class. [CACREP Standard 4.Z,AA,BB]

## Notes

- Some agencies ask for more than the minimum number of hours required by this program. In these cases, students and placement sites must negotiate the number of hours.
- Credit for each semester will be given only if the student has recorded the required number of hours, has a satisfactory evaluation from the field supervisor and has met requirements for Practicum Seminar or Internship Seminar.

## Winter Semester Break

1. Students may begin an internship in the fall semester only. Students may begin practicum in the spring semester only. Students may not begin fieldwork during winter break.
2. Hunter College has a break between the fall and spring semesters, the end of December through the end of January. While student interns are not required by the college to attend fieldwork during this time, we recognize that this is an unusually long period to be away from clients. Students are required to work out an arrangement with their site supervisor so that service to clients is not compromised during this time. Most often students continue to attend field placements during part of the winter break.
3. Hours accrued during winter break are considered volunteer hours, not counted towards fieldwork.

## Summer Break

1. Summer fieldwork placement sites are not offered.
2. In the case that students are completing internship at the same site as where they've completed practicum, site supervisors may require that students maintain continuity of care with their assigned clients. While fieldwork students are not required by the college to attend fieldwork during this time, we recognize that this is an unusually long period to be away from clients. Students are required to work out an arrangement with their site supervisor so that service to clients is not compromised during this time. Most often students continue to attend field placements during summer break.
3. Hours accrued during summer break are considered volunteer hours, not counted towards fieldwork.

## Expected Start Date for Field Placements

1. Students are expected to begin field placements by the first day of each semester. The specific start date must be coordinated with the site supervisor, which may be earlier or later than the first day of the semester.
2. Students may begin field placement on or after one week prior to the official start date of the semester. For example:
3. If the official start date of spring semester is January 25th, students may begin accruing hours towards fieldwork on or after January 18th.
4. If the official start date of fall semester is August 25th, students may begin accruing hours towards fieldwork on or after August 18th.

## Credit for Field Placement

1. In order to receive credit for field placement, students must also pass their practicum and internship courses (COUNM 718, 725, 726) with a grade of no less than B.
2. A student receiving any grade below a B in any of these clinical courses may be placed on academic probation and offered a second and final attempt at fieldwork or may be academically dismissed from the program. If logs are not received or if too few hours are reported, this will adversely affect the grade, which may lead to a grade below B.

## Number of Ongoing Individual Clients Per Week

### Practicum

Based upon a minimum 8 to 10 hours per week the number of ongoing individual clients per week is a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 6.

### Internship

Based upon a minimum 20 hours per week the number of ongoing individual clients per week is a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10.

## Audio Recording/ Privacy and Confidentiality [CACREP Standard 4.C]

1. Students are required to record client sessions with written consent of the clients or their responsible adults. These recordings will be reviewed by the practicum or internship instructors. Students must be aware of this requirement and plan for this with their site supervisors. Students need to discuss with site supervisors to select clients who are appropriate for recordings. Once students obtain a written informed consent from clients or the responsible adult, students can conduct audio recordings. The device in which as student records such sessions must be approved by the site supervisor. In addition, the site supervisor must approve that the recording is allowed to leave the site and the transcription may be completed off site as well. If not, all recordings and written transcriptions must be completed at the site and kept confidential.
2. To protect client privacy and maintain confidentiality, audio recordings need to be uploaded from the student's password-protected FERPA compliant email to the password-protected FERPA compliant email of their practicum or internship instructors to review. Students will upload their recordings to Brightspace (CUNY LMS) or Hunter College SOE Google Classroom which are password-protected and FERPA-compliant systems. Students should not share their recordings outside of the classroom, except with their site supervisors. All audio recordings must be destroyed from the personal devices at the end of each semester once the

practicum or internship student has completed the fieldwork experience. Students are instructed to protect the identity of their clients by using only initials or fictitious names in all materials including case notes, transcriptions, presentations, and journals.

3. The Hunter College Counseling Program is aligned with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, which states: The HIPAA Privacy Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals' medical records and other individually identifiable health information (collectively defined as "protected health information") and applies to health plans, health care clearinghouses, and those health care providers that conduct certain health care transactions electronically. The Rule requires appropriate safeguards to protect the privacy of protected health information and sets limits and conditions on the uses and disclosures that may be made of such information without an individual's authorization. The Rule also gives individuals rights over their protected health information, including rights to examine and obtain a copy of their health records, to direct a covered entity to transmit to a third party an electronic copy of their protected health information in an electronic health record, and to request corrections.
4. The Hunter College Counseling Program is aligned with the [FERPA Privacy Rule: FERPA/HIPAA](#).

### **Potential Primary Skills and Competencies acquired through Fieldwork Experiences [CACREP Standard 4.E]**

- Counseling microskills
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Intake Interview
- Career exploration and development
- Vocational Evaluation/Assessment
- Job Development and Job Placement
- On-the-job support and coaching
- Personal and social adjustment
- Family Counseling
- Abuse/Neglect Reporting
- Crisis Management
- Case Management
- Documentation skills
- Telehealth Counseling
- Assisted Technology



# Requirements For Fieldwork Sites

## Fieldwork Sites Qualifications

- The fieldwork site must provide an appropriate variety of clients and professional activities and involve the student in moving into relevant functions, considering the student's readiness and interests [CACREP Standard 4.D]
- The department will not approve any field placement where students must pay a fee at the site for supervision, training, or client contact.
- Students are expected to complete their field placement in a setting with a site supervisor who has the appropriate credentials in their specific counseling discipline.
- There should be an opportunity for student participation in staff meetings, in-service training and relevant interpersonal and inter-professional contacts.
- There needs to be an opportunity for audio recording of some individual client contacts. It is mandatory that recordings of individual client contacts be reviewed by Hunter fieldwork instructors as required for fieldwork [CACREP Standard 4.C] (see page 7 in this manual.)
- All placements must be deemed appropriate for each individual student based on learning needs as determined by the Counseling faculty.
- Each student needs to lead or co-lead at least one group during work in field placements. Co- leading groups may take place at any time during the practicum (optional) and internship and must be supervised by site supervisors. [CACREP Standard 4.E]

## Site Supervisors Qualifications - CACREP Standard 4.P]

- a minimum of a master's degree, preferably in counseling or a related profession;
- active certifications and/or licenses (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist) in the geographic location where the student is placed, preferably in counseling or a related profession.
- a minimum of two years post-master's professional experience in the field of rehabilitation counseling.
- relevant training for in-person and/or distance counseling supervision.
- relevant training in the technology utilized for supervision; and knowledge of the program's expectations, requirements, and evaluation procedures for students.

## Role And Responsibility of Site Supervisors - CACREP Standard 4.H

1. Students must receive one hour of individual supervision per week during each semester. Although group supervision can be used in conjunction with weekly

individual supervision, this does not obviate departmental expectations for individual supervision.

2. Provision of adequate workspace and regular individual supervision creates the necessary foundation and environment for a good field experience. Consistent individual supervision can reduce staff inconvenience and extremes of student helplessness or initial anxiety.
3. Supervisors are expected to provide students ongoing, timely, and accurate feedback with regards to the supervisee's strengths and areas for growth.
4. Clarify the student's role, function, title, and lines of communication.
5. New site supervisors must attend an orientation hosted by the fieldwork coordinator to become familiar with the fieldwork requirements.
6. Ensure that the student's placement leads to learning and professional growth. The supervisor represents the setting and should expect that the student's presence will contribute to the welfare of the setting. The student can also expect that the supervisor will present an appropriate professional model and will provide clear and regular supervision, as well as continuing support and assistance within the setting.
7. Within the context described above, the site supervisor must be aware of the objectives of the student's graduate training program and be able to work with the student's developing skills.
8. This can be accomplished through discussions with the student and in consultation with the fieldwork course instructors assigned to the student
9. The Fieldwork Coordinator will be involved if additional intervention/support is necessary
10. Site supervisors are responsible for evaluating the student on an ongoing basis and complete final evaluations at the end of each semester. These evaluations must be submitted on the form provided. A narrative evaluation may be submitted in addition. Logs of hours spent in the setting must also be approved and signed by site supervisor [CACREP Standard 4.F]

### **Site Supervisors Professional Development Opportunities - CACREP Standard 4.K**

CUNY provides professional development opportunities to fieldwork site supervisors for all program delivery types. CUNY Course Voucher: Internship supervisors are entitled to a CUNY Course voucher. This incentive is available to all internship supervisors who have supervised students for 2-consecutive semesters. In May of the year you supervise your intern, you'll receive an email informing you of how to retrieve your CUNY Course Voucher.

# Requirements For Fieldwork Course Instructors - CACREP Standard 4.N

## Qualifications of Fieldwork courses instructors:

- relevant certifications and/or licenses (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist)
- relevant training for in-person and/or distance counseling supervision, and relevant training in the technology utilized for supervision.

## Roles and Responsibilities of Instructors

### COUNM 718, 725 or 726 Instructors

The fieldwork course instructor acts as a liaison between the Counseling Program, the fieldwork site, and the student. Their role is to:

- Meet with students weekly for group supervision
- Critiques weekly journals, transcriptions, and audio recordings
- Communicates with site supervisors twice each semester.
- Participate in the clinical instructor meeting each semester.
- Work with the student and field supervisor in the event of any difficulty. It is important to involve the liaison early in such situations before a poor evaluation is given or a field placement is threatened. The Fieldwork Placement Coordinator is available for ongoing and/or crisis consultation.
- Work with the site supervisor and the student to support and assess the student's growth and the student's process of learning.
- Be notified of problems with field placements by field supervisors and students, and be available to discuss issues with all parties, using appropriate channels of communication, including the Fieldwork Coordinator when indicated.
- Collect and review electronic field placement evaluation forms from students each semester (December and May) and follow up where necessary.
- Provides all final grading with site supervisor input

## Role And Responsibility Of The Fieldwork Coordinator

The Fieldwork Coordinator is a member of counseling faculty who assists students and faculty in the identification and selection of trainee placements and placement of students in those settings. The functions of the Fieldwork Placement Coordinator are as follows:

### **Fieldwork placement and support - CACREP Standard 4.A**

- Provides ongoing support to help students find fieldwork sites that are sufficient to provide the quality, quantity, and variety of expected experiences to prepare students for their roles and responsibilities as Mental Health counselors.
- Maintains a list of currently acceptable and appropriate agencies for field placement, including names of contact persons, kinds of activities and clients, procedures for application, requirements for placement.
- Students applying at a site that has not previously supervised a Hunter Counseling fieldwork student, must have that site vetted and approved by Program Site Developer, Dr. Hadeel Elder. The formal vetting process assures that all program requirements will be met.
- Conducts two fieldwork orientation meetings in fall semester for students to learn of the fieldwork application process, new site information.
- Contact site supervisors on behalf of students to advocate for student placements.
- Meets with site supervisors interested in working with Hunter interns &/or practicum students.
- Reviews and approves fieldwork application paperwork
- Meets individually with fieldwork students who require additional support in their fieldwork search process.

### **Site supervisor training and consultation - CACREP Standard 4.H, I, J**

- Reviews and approves site supervisor agreements.
- Provides supervisor orientation meetings once a year, consult with agencies so that they can meet Hunter's requirements and standards.
- Facilitates supervisor trainings and consultation to monitor student learning and performance.
- Provides contact information of fieldwork course instructors to site supervisors.

### **Fieldwork course instructor support**

- Conducts clinical meetings with field work course instructors to monitor student learning and performance.
- Meets with fieldwork students who encounter challenges at their fieldwork sites and their fieldwork course instructors.

# Policy for Student Retention, Remediation, and Dismissal - CACREP Standard 1.O; 4.G

## Professional Conduct

Students are expected to adhere to the ethical and professional guidelines of the [American Counseling Association Professional Standards](#) and the [Hunter College of the City University New York](#). Agency staffs invest a considerable amount of time and energy for training and it is expected that students are respectful of staff's efforts and time. As such, students must represent the highest standards of professional behavior consistent with the values of the setting and personal and professional ethics. This relates to standards of dress, punctuality, client, staff and professional contacts and all other interpersonal relationships. Failure to maintain these standards will result in negative evaluations that reflect poorly on the Counseling Student as well as the Counseling Program. Violations of professional standards can result in termination of placement.

## Concerns of Fieldwork Placement Site Regarding Student Performance

1. If a fieldwork placement site encounters problems related to the Fieldwork Student's ("Counseling Student") conduct:
2. The fieldwork placement site shall inform the Clinical Coordinator of Fieldwork Placements ("Fieldwork Coordinator") and/or the Fieldwork Course Professor of the problem(s) in a timely manner.
3. Fieldwork Coordinator, Fieldwork Course Professor and Counseling Student meet to discuss the concerns and assess the severity of those concerns.
4. Fieldwork Coordinator, Program Coordinator and Counseling Faculty develop a remediation plan.
5. The Counseling Student is notified in writing of the remediation plan.
6. The Counseling Student must follow the remediation plan.
7. If the Counseling Student does not satisfactorily comply with the remediation plan, the placement organization will contact the Fieldwork Coordinator in a timely manner.
8. If this process does not lead to a satisfactory conclusion and the placement organization terminates the Counseling Student for cause, the Counseling Student will receive a failing grade in the fieldwork course(s). Removal from a fieldwork site is at the discretion of the site. Please refer to the Removal Policy below.

In addition, the counseling program fieldwork student will be placed on academic probation for a minimum of one semester and the Counseling Student will be given no

more than one opportunity at another placement (this would amount to a total of two placements including the initial unsuccessful fieldwork placement).

### **Termination from Fieldwork Placement Site**

When a Counseling Student has been removed for cause from their fieldwork placement the Counseling Faculty will inform the Department Chair and Associate Dean of this matter.

The Counseling Student:

- Must withdraw immediately from their Fieldwork Seminar course and will no longer be eligible to attend that course;
- Cannot attend the placement site from which they were terminated and must immediately cease contact with the placement organization and any of their clients, patients, or students;
- Is not eligible to start at any other placement site for the remainder of the semester; and,
- Will not receive course credit (COUNM 718, 725, or 726) nor credit for any clinical hours accrued once terminated from the fieldwork site.

In such a case, the Counseling Faculty, Department Chair and Associate Dean will:

1. Conduct an investigation to review the Counseling Student's behavior(s) and reason(s) for termination.
2. Report findings of the investigation to the Counseling Faculty.
3. A disposition is made and reported to the Counseling Student in writing, and to the Department Chair and Associate Dean. Dispositions can result in one of the following two outcomes:
  - a. Replacement at a second fieldwork placement organization will be granted the next semester the same course is offered.
  - b. Termination from the Counseling Program.
    - i. If the Associate Dean and Chair determine that re-placement is not appropriate, they will recommend this action be reviewed by the School of Education's Clinical Standards Committee (CSC), which shall be composed of the School of Education's Dean and one or more School of Education's Department Chairs. The Counseling Student will be placed on academic probation until the CSC issues a written decision. This decision shall serve as the final determination by the College's School of Education.
4. When replacement is appropriate, the Counseling Student will be placed on academic probation for a minimum of one semester and a Behavioral Contract is

developed by the Counseling Faculty and will be presented to the Counseling Student.

- a. The Counseling Student will be held to the requirements and standards of the Behavioral Contract.
  - b. After a Behavioral Contract is in place, steps toward finding a new field placement site can begin.
  - c. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the Counseling Faculty and Fieldwork Coordinator to start this process the semester prior to starting their second and final fieldwork placement.
5. The Counseling Student must successfully complete this second and final attempt at their field placement including adherence to the Behavioral Contract. If the Counseling Student does not successfully complete their second and final attempt at the field placement, termination from the Counseling Program will result.

### Appeals Process

A Counseling Student who wishes to appeal the disposition (i.e., the disposition from the Counseling Program, School of Education Department Chair/Dean, and/or Hunter College administration) may submit a written appeal to the School of Education Dean of Hunter College, stating reasons for their appeal, within 30 days of being notified by the Counseling Program disposition. The School of Education Dean will decide the appeal within a reasonable time period and this decision will be the final decision by the School of Education. Students also have the right to appeal their course grade (consult the Hunter College policy on Grade Appeals).

### Removal by a Fieldwork Placement Organization

A Counseling Student should be aware that as a member of the College community, they must follow the procedures listed in this document as well as the other policies referenced herein. As such, if a fieldwork placement organization removes a Counseling Student from a fieldwork placement for cause (including but not limited to unprofessional or egregious conduct and/or unsatisfactory performance), the College cannot mandate that the placement organization take the Counseling Student back.

## **Step-By-Step Guidelines For Fieldwork Experience**

### Securing A Fieldwork Placement

1. Fieldwork Orientation
  - a. Students are required to attend Fieldwork Orientation the semester in which they are applying for fieldwork. Orientation meetings are scheduled

every September in addition to fieldwork advisement sessions offered throughout each semester.

- b. Students are advised to contact the Fieldwork Coordinator by mid-semester if they haven't yet secured a placement. Fieldwork Coordinator and student meet individually to discuss placement options.

## **2. Identify a Site**

- a. Use Hunter Resources: Hunter provides a List of Agencies/Schools with contact information on Brightspace Counseling Program Fieldwork Information Site
- b. Contact the site, introduce yourself and explain that you are a Hunter College student in a master's degree program seeking a field site. Ask if they would be interested in having a student intern.
- c. If they are interested:
  - i. Ask about the supervisor's qualifications and the number of professional school counselors they have on site. You are required to be supervised by someone with either of these credentials with a minimum of 2 years pertinent professional experience. [CACREP Standard 4.P]
  - ii. Ask if the site allows for a minimum of two audio recordings of counseling sessions with clients each semester.
  - iii. Ask the representative at the site what is the best way to find out if those certified professionals would accept an intern or practicum student.

## **3. Interview with Sites**

- a. Treat this process similar to a job interview (wear professional attire, bring/forward your resume, etc.)
- b. During the interview, ask questions about the job responsibilities of the professionals at their sites. You are looking for a site that can meet all course and program requirements as well as provide an excellent learning experience.
- c. Follow up with a thank you email after each interview
  - i. Be sure Site Supervisor allows audio recording of counseling sessions with client and will provide weekly individual supervision for one hour. Supervision must be provided by a Certified Professional. The site supervisor must have a minimum of 2 years pertinent professional experience.
  - ii. Ask what days and times would be reserved for on-site supervision.

## **4. Site Approval**

- a. Students applying at a site that has not previously supervised a Hunter Counseling fieldwork student, must have that site vetted and approved by



Program Site Developer, Dr. Hadeel Elder. The formal vetting process assures that all program requirements will be met.

- b. Once a prospective site has confirmed your candidacy for interning at their site, the site and site supervisor must be approved by Michelle Lask, Counseling Program's Fieldwork Placements Clinical Coordinator.
- c. If a site requires formal vetting, Dr. Elder meets with the site supervisor of record to discuss all program requirements in detail and respond to any questions the site supervisor has. If program requirements and the site's fieldwork opportunities are aligned, the site can be approved and the student may begin fieldwork the following semester.
- d. The Counseling Program provides ongoing support to help students find fieldwork sites that are sufficient to provide the quality, quantity, and variety of expected experiences to prepare students for their roles and responsibilities.
- e. Students who have not secured an interview after one month of starting their search are advised to contact Michelle Lask (mlask@hunter.cuny.edu) for additional support.

### **Different Field Placement Settings for Practicum and Internship**

The department strongly recommends that students have a different field placement for the second year in the program. If a student believes that it is in his/her interest to remain in the same setting for the second year, the following procedure must be followed:

The Hunter College Dept. of Educational Foundations & Counseling Programs now offers fieldwork students in the Mental Health Program the opportunity to complete their practicum and internship fieldwork experiences at the same site, provided that the fieldwork site accepts both practicum and internship placements. While completing practicum and internship at the same site is now an option, students remain eligible to have a different trainee placement for the two experiences, practicum, and internship, if they feel this is in their best interest.

Students are required to reapply at their current practicum site to be eligible to continue their training at the same site for their internship. You must reapply to your internship site using the standard internship application process (documentation, deadline, and all required paperwork) to complete your internship at your practicum field placement site. Both the site supervisor and Fieldwork Placement Coordinator must approve reapplication.

Decisions about field placement training are important for your professional development as a counselor. Counseling Program faculty strongly recommend you discuss field

placement training options with your faculty advisor during advisement week, held toward the end of each semester.

### Field Placement in Setting Where Employed

Field Placement is for the purpose of the acquisition and development of skills in relation to the training curriculum. The department is willing to consider field placements in settings where students are newly employed for no more than three months prior to starting field placement.

In addition, the student may not be supervised for the field placement by his/her work supervisor and the student must have a client caseload selected specifically for purposes of the field placement.

Students cannot work and complete their field placement at the same site unless the following two circumstances exist:

1. The student has worked at the site less than three months, or,
2. The student trains in a completely different department with a different supervisor.

In the latter case, the student must provide the Fieldwork Placement Coordinator with a description of the job and of the training to delineate the difference, and the Fieldwork Placement Coordinator will follow up with the student's site supervisor for approval.

### Documentation for Field Placement

- Forms to document field placement may be found on Brightspace.
- The following forms must be printed immediately and given to the fieldwork program coordinator upon completion:
  - One copy of the *Fieldwork Placement Agreement Form* by the first week of December for the Fall semester and the first week of May for the Spring semester
  - One copy of the *Fieldwork Placement Information Sheet* by the first week of December for the Fall semester and the first week of May for the Spring semester
  - One copy of the *New Fieldwork Application Form* by the first week of December for the Fall semester and the first week of May for the Spring semester. This document is only required if this is a new site.
  - One copy of the *Letter Confirming All Requirements Can Be Met* by the first week of December for the Fall semester and the first week of May for the Spring semester

- One copy of *Memorandum of Insurance* as proof of liability insurance by the first week of December for the Fall semester and the first week of May for the Spring semester
- One copy of *Activity Logs* four times a semester

Students are responsible for knowing the contents of this manual. An electronic copy of this manual will be forwarded to site supervisors at the start of each semester.

## After Securing a Site

You will need to complete the following steps to complete your fieldwork application.

### Safety and Liability

Students must be covered by individual professional counseling liability insurance while enrolled in practicums and internships. [CACREP Standard 4.B]

Liability Insurance must be purchased. Each student will be required to purchase a one or two-year policy and all insurance must be on the same policy. Since Hunter's Counseling Programs require that students have active membership in a professional counseling organization (ex: ACA or NRCA), you may have some level of coverage through your active membership. However, this insurance does NOT MEET REQUIRED LIMITS. NOTE: All insurance coverage must come from the same policy; you may not have coverage from 2 different policies.

You will need to purchase a professional liability student policy that covers (\$2,000,000 per incident and \$4,000,000 aggregate).

### **Complete Required Paperwork (Electronic signatures required on some documents)**

- Submit completed documents with electronic signatures by the deadline to the Fieldwork Placements Clinical Coordinator, Michelle Lask
- Required documents:
  - Field Placement Information Sheet
  - New Site Application Form
  - Fieldwork Agreement Letter. This form is signed by you and your site supervisor
  - Letter Confirming All Requirements Can Be Met - Signed by you and your site supervisor
  - Copy of your Liability Insurance Certificate/Memorandum of Insurance
  - Copy of your Hunter Counseling (graduate) Program unofficial transcript, retrieved from CUNYfirst

## **During Fieldwork Experience: Practicum (COUNM 718) And Internship (COUNM 725 and 726)**

Fieldwork seminar courses are designed for students who are doing practicum or internship to continue building the counseling skills and self-awareness developed in previous course work. Professional issues in the specialty areas will be discussed. The seminar courses are designed as a group supervision, where students will present their cases in practicum or internship.

Students are eligible to register for COUNM 718 or COUNM 725/726 once their fieldwork application is approved by the Fieldwork Coordinator who then assigns the student to a designated section of their Seminar course.

### **Recording of Fieldwork Hours**

- All hours must be recorded on the appropriate log forms included in the appendix of this manual. A minimum of four logs must be completed during each semester of fieldwork. Students will receive credit only if hours are properly documented and each log is signed by the site supervisor. The department is unable to provide for copies of these logs.
- During practicum semester, a minimum of 100 hours must be completed. Of these 100 hours, a minimum of 40 hours must be direct clients contact hours, which must be documented throughout the semester. During the internship year, a minimum of 600 hours must be completed (300 hours per semester.) Of these 300-semester hours, a minimum of 120 hours must be direct clients contact hours, which must be documented throughout each semester. A minimum of 240 direct client contact hours must be completed throughout the internship year.
- Work done must fall within the scope of practice of the specialization for which the hours are recorded.
- Students may count all of the hours spent in the placement toward the total sum of the required hours per semester. If a client does not show for a counseling session that may count toward 'other hours', but not toward 'direct client contact hours'. Direct client contact hours are hours spent in face-to-face counseling with clients, consultation with agency staff, consultation with client's family, and family/support network.
- Logs must be completed, signed and turned in to the fieldwork instructors on or before the last day of instruction of each semester. Students will not receive credit for the field placement if logs are not turned in on time or if the appropriate number of hours have not been completed (i.e., 100 hours for practicum and 300 hours per semester for internship).
- Students are expected to negotiate with the trainee setting to meet the setting's requirements for hours (e.g., many agencies/schools will require more than the

minimum for placement as a condition for accepting a student with more than 20 hours often required).

- Credit for each semester will be given only if the student has recorded the required number of hours, has a satisfactory evaluation from the field supervisor and from the Hunter faculty (COUNS 718: Practicum; COUNS 725/726 Internship).

### **Group Counseling Suggestions**

Each student needs to lead or co-lead groups during the course of work in field placements. Co- leading groups may take place during the practicum semester, however, is required during the internship year, and must be supervised by the agency supervisor.

### **After The Fieldwork Experience: Evaluations - CACREP Standard 4.F**

All evaluation data are maintained in strict professional confidentiality and used for individual advising or program evaluation consistent with due process. Online evaluations are maintained in Qualtrics by the SOE Institutional Research.

1. Evaluation is an ongoing process in any educational enterprise. In this field, learning is not simply a cognitive act; it involves changes in attitudes and feelings and an integration of complex processes, which include intellectual mastery, a developing sense of the professional role, and the student's use of self. Evaluation is part of the student's fieldwork experience and is a process in which agency site supervisor, student and clinical course instructor all are involved. Hunter practicum students have several supervisors, both on-site and in-class. It's important that all supervisors have consistent knowledge of how each student is performing both experientially and academically.
2. Site Supervisor Final Evaluations must be completed at the end of each semester. Should be done in consultation with the student. The site supervisor will be emailed this online evaluation directly and submits the information via email. Site supervisors complete a final evaluation as a part of the students' final grade in both the internship and practicum courses. Supervisors evaluate students' clinical skills, knowledge, and professionalism which are aligned to the counseling program objectives. Site supervisor evaluations are sent to all the supervisors at the end of the practicum (COUNM 718) and internship (COUNM 725, 726) courses.
3. The Fieldwork Coordinator discusses feedback from the site supervisor with the fieldwork course instructors twice per semester to learn about students' progress. Integration of all supervisory feedback is necessary for students to have the most cohesive experience. All Hunter instructors working with a student in a supervisory capacity (COUNM 718, 725, and 726) will communicate with the Fieldwork Coordinator consistently throughout the semester.
4. Written evaluations must be completed, signed, and returned to the clinical course instructor two weeks prior to the last week of instruction. Students will not receive

credit for the field placement if forms are not returned on time or if the evaluation is not satisfactory. The clinical course instructor will determine the grade to be given for the semester based upon input from the site supervisor and the student's academic coursework.

The following formal evaluations are required:

- Fieldwork Final Evaluations are to be completed at the end of each semester. Should be done in consultation with the student. The site supervisor will be emailed this online evaluation directly and submits the information via email. Site supervisors complete a final evaluation as a part of the students' final grade in both the internship and practicum courses. Supervisors evaluate students' clinical skills, knowledge, and professionalism which are aligned to the counseling program objectives. Site supervisor evaluations are sent to all the supervisors at the end of the practicum (COUNM 718) and internship (COUNM 725, 726) courses.
- Counseling Student Evaluation of the Fieldwork Experience - At the end of practicum and internship semesters, the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Accreditation send out this survey to all fieldwork students completing their internship (COUNM 725 and 726) or practicum (COUNM 718) experience. The goal is to evaluate their fieldwork site and the tasks performed during their clinical experience. The results of this survey are used by program faculty to improve the program's clinical experiences and better understand the needs of students in the field. It does not impact the students' final course grade. [CACREP Standard 4.L.M.]

## Appendix 1. Summaries for Students

### Summary For Practicum Students - CACREP Standard 4.D.E.Q.R.S.

You must meet the following requirements to successfully complete your practicum Fieldwork Experience:

- Audio recording clients with their consent or their parent's consent
- 100 hours/semester = 8 - 10 hours/week minimum
- 40 hours of direct service/semester

The following services are considered Direct Service Activities:

- One to One Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Family Meetings

The following services are not Direct Service Activities:

- Supervision
- Progress Note Documentation/Recordkeeping
- Case Management
- Research
- Professional Development
- Information and Referral
- In-service meetings
- Staff meetings
- Telephone Contacts w/ client and or client's team
- Direct supervision by a Certified professional.

### **Supervision**

1. Mental Health Counseling Students need to be supervised by a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist) with a minimum of 2 years pertinent professional experience.
2. 1 hour of weekly on-site supervision by a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist)
3. Assigned a caseload of 5 to 6 clinical interactions/each week

The student MUST NOT BE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED at this fieldwork site.

### **Summary For Internship Students - CACREP Standard 4.D.E.U.V.W.**

You must meet the following requirements to successfully complete your

Internship Fieldwork Experience:

1. Audio recording clients with their consent or the parent's consent
2. 300 hours per semester equals 20 hours per week minimum for 2 consecutive semesters.
3. All internship hours must be completed at the same site.
4. 120 hours of direct service/semester (same as above)
5. Direct supervision by a Certified professional:
  - a. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist) with a minimum of 2 years pertinent professional experience.

### **Supervision**

1. 1 hour of weekly on-site supervision by a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist)
2. Assigned a caseload of 8 to 10 clinical interactions/each week
3. The student must not be currently employed at this fieldwork site

### During The Final Month Of The Semester

1. Student submits online site evaluation form
2. Supervisor submits completed student evaluation online
3. All weekly logs should be submitted unless otherwise discussed

## **Appendix 2. Summaries For Site Supervisors**

### Summary For Site Supervisors

- Plan for student's arrival, space, and phone, and alert the staff. Consider the role of the student and help the student develop a professional identity.
- Familiarize the student with the structure and function of the agency/school and its relationship with other community agencies and resources.
- Provide appropriate clients for students to have direct experiences in working with clients. An individual counseling caseload of approximately 5-6 clients for practicum students and 8-10 for internship students, chosen with regard to the student's background, experiences, skills and educational needs, is suggested.
- Provide a minimum of one hour per week for individual supervision. Review students' written material (e.g., case notes, intake reports)
- Provide students with opportunities to participate in staff meetings, and in-service training, as well as consultations with professionals in other disciplines.
- Complete final evaluations of students at the end of each semester. Site supervisor should involve students in the evaluation process and provide each student with a copy of the evaluation.
- Communicate with Hunter College faculty and the fieldwork coordinator as necessary.

## **Appendix 3. Required Documentation**

Once a Prospective Site has confirmed your candidacy for working at their site, the site and site supervisor must be approved by the program by Michelle Lask.

### Complete Required Paperwork (5 or 6 Documents)

1. If the site has been used by Hunter students previously, then no advance clearance is required. Fill out Field Placement Information Sheet (Document 1).
2. If the site has not previously been used by Hunter students, then advance clearance is required. For new sites, students must also submit a New Site Application Form (Document 1A) in addition to the Field Placement Information Sheet. The New Site Application Form provides site information to be reviewed by Michelle Lask, who will confirm that all requirements may be met at this site.



- a. Please Print clearly or type this form and include all information requested. Your supervisor's name, address, professional email, and phone must all be included or the paperwork will not be accepted.
  - b. Be sure you have an established start date with your supervisor. This is critical. Ideally, starting 1 week before classes start at Hunter is the best choice. If you start late, you will have more difficulty with recordings, etc.
3. Fieldwork Agreement Letter. This form is signed by you & your site supervisor (Document 2).
4. Copy of your Liability Insurance Certificate/Memorandum of Insurance (page 4 of your policy) – not the whole policy, (Document 3).
5. Copy of your Hunter Counseling (graduate) Program Unofficial Transcript, retrieved from CUNYfirst (If unable to print, I'll print it for you. do not pay for a copy from the registrar) (Document 4).
6. Letter Confirming All Requirements Can Be Met - Signed by you & your site supervisor (Document 5).

## Signatures

Site Supervisors and students are required electronically sign the necessary documents. If a site supervisor cannot sign the documents, students are required to follow this procedure:

- A. Supervisor emails the completed form
- B. Subject line of email: "This email serves as my electronic signature."
- C. Supervisor attaches the completed documents (Fieldwork Agreement Form and Letter Confirming All Requirements Can Be Met)
- D. Student uploads this email as part of their online application.

## Purchase Liability Insurance

Toll free number is 1-800-375-2764 or visit [Proliability Insurance Solutions](#).

### Steps to complete online application

1. Click "Healthcare Professionals" you should choose "Students"
2. Click on "Get a Quote" (orange box)
3. Getting Started:
  - a. When would you like coverage to begin: Effective Date should be the latest date they allow you to start the policy, which is usually 45 days after today's date. You will need to renew your policy if you complete all fieldwork (practicum and internship) after the expiration date of this policy. Applying for a 2-year policy is suggested if you start practicum in spring and plan to

start internship the following fall. Failure to renew during a semester could result in you being asked to leave your placement site. We cannot, and will not, support students continuing to work at placements without appropriate and effective liability insurance coverage.

- b. Member of one of these associations: "No"
  - c. Area of Study: Counselor (Rehab Counseling Students may choose "Rehabilitation Counselor")
  - d. Policy Term: 1 or 2 years (2 years is recommended to cover you throughout fieldwork)
4. Complete Applicant Information (First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Contact Phone).
  5. Preferred Limits of Liability: \$2,000,000 per Incident \$4,000,000 Aggregate (= \$80 for 2 years)
  6. Click "Apply Now"
  7. Applicant Information: Your Occupation = Counselor
  8. Applicant Information: Practice Type = Student
  9. Click "Continue" (be patient while the quote loads)
  10. Once the quick quote loads you should see two acceptable options for your situation: The first column reads \$2,000,000 per Incident \$4,000,000 Aggregate Annual certificate \$41 premium. The second column should read \$2,000,000 per Incident \$4,000,000 Aggregate Annual certificate \$80 premium.
  11. You may choose any of these two options. Be aware that you must have active coverage during both practicum AND internship. If your policy expires before you complete internship, you will be required to renew your policy for an additional year. Make your purchase based on your known plans but be prepared to purchase additional coverage should your plans change.
  12. Complete the Applicant Information section
  13. Complete Payment Details. You'll need a Credit Card (MASTERCARD or VISA only)
  14. Complete your purchase and print out your Memorandum of Insurance. You may not start your placement until you have provided Michelle Lask with your certificate of coverage. Your policy must be in effect before you can start your placement.

**The following is an example of a Memorandum of Insurance**

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Client #

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| <b>MEMORANDUM OF INSURANCE</b> | Date Issued<br>December 5, 2024 |
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| Professional Liability<br>Student Counselor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | ABC -<br>123456789                                                                                                                                                                                       | 01/01/2025            | 01/01/2027             | Per Occurrence | \$2,000,000 |
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|                                                        | <p>Authorized Representative<br/>Joan O'Sullivan</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

# Fieldwork Placement Information Sheet

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- ☐ Fieldwork  
☐ Internship

## Student Information

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| CUNYFirst Id (8 Digits) |                          |
| Name                    |                          |
| Address                 |                          |
| Phone                   |                          |
| Email                   |                          |
| Program                 | Mental Health Counseling |

## Site Information

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Name    |  |
| Address |  |
| Website |  |

## Site Supervisor Information

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Name         |  |
| Office Phone |  |
| Work Email   |  |

## Site Supervisor Certification Information

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist  
☐ Additional Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fieldwork Schedule

Notify Michelle Lask if schedule changes.

|                 |  |                |  |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--|
| Start Date      |  |                |  |
| Monday Hours    |  | Tuesday Hours  |  |
| Wednesday Hours |  | Thursday Hours |  |
| Friday Hours    |  | Saturday Hours |  |
| Sunday Hours    |  |                |  |

## Placement Approval

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Lask (Clinical Coordinator of Fieldwork Placements Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Application Form for New Fieldwork Site

Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

☐ Fieldwork

☐ Internship

## Student Information

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| CUNYFirst Id (8 Digits) |                          |
| Name                    |                          |
| Address                 |                          |
| Phone                   |                          |
| Email                   |                          |
| Program                 | Mental Health Counseling |

## Site Information

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Name    |  |
| Address |  |
| Website |  |

## Site Supervisor Information

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Name         |  |
| Office Phone |  |
| Work Email   |  |

## Site Supervisor Certification Information

Please check all that apply:

☐ LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist

☐ Additional Certifications: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Site Services**

Please provide a list and brief description of the site's services. Use back page if necessary.  
A brochure may be attached if available.



# Agreement between Fieldwork Supervisor, Student and Hunter College

Internship (Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters)

Dear Fieldwork Site Supervisor,

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am writing to ask your assistance in providing the above-named individual, a graduate student in the Hunter College Counseling Program with an opportunity to fulfil her/his required fieldwork experience at your site. All counseling students complete two fieldwork placements during their course of study in our program. The first placement is the Practicum and the student must spend at least one day each week during the semester engaging in counseling related activities. The second placement is the Internship and the student must spend at least 20 hours each week engaging in counseling related activities during the academic year (fall and spring semesters). Such activities should include individual and group counseling, testing and assessment, educational and career development, etc. To facilitate the professional growth of the student, s/he must have counseling relationships, preferably of twenty minutes or more in length, with individual clients. Additionally, students are required to make audio recordings of counseling sessions for evaluation. To ensure both ethical practice and confidentiality, the client (or guardian) must consent in writing to the taping, and the tape is erased after it has served its purpose. A sample of a consent form has been given to the student and is available for your review and modifications.

## Site Supervisor Qualifications

- For Mental Health Counseling students: The on-site supervisor must be a Licensed Mental Health counselor (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist) with a minimum of 2 years pertinent professional experience.

## Site Supervisor Responsibilities

- One hour of weekly on-site supervision by a permanently Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC or LCSW or Licensed Psychologist)
- Allows audio recording clients w/ their consent or their parent's consent

- Site Supervisor is responsible for facilitating client assignments throughout the semester
- Student will be provided an orientation to become familiarized with the fieldwork setting.
- Student will be informed of crisis protocols
- Student will be informed of ancillary support staff available to them when site supervisor may not be available
- Site Supervisor completes an on-line evaluation of each fieldwork students at the end of the semester.

## Site Supervisor Roles

It is expected that supervisors will choose various roles at different times in the supervision process depending on the needs of the supervisee, as well as on the supervisor's own style.

- First, a supervisor may prefer a didactic stance (e.g., supervisor describes or models a specific treatment intervention) in order to help a counselor increase his or her skill acquisition.
- Second, a supervisor may behave similarly to a counselor where she or he focuses on the student's personal reactions and/or struggles that are hindering and/or facilitating the student's counseling work.
- Last, a supervisor may behave as a "consultant". In this role, the supervisor acts more collaboratively and collegially as they address counseling issues with their students.

## Student Responsibilities

- Students are expected to approach supervision with openness to learning and developing as a counselor.
- Students are required to audio record a minimum of two client sessions, and the course Instructor will listen to parts of these audio records throughout the semester. Recording is done to protect the client as well as the counselor.
- Students are expected to discuss cases in supervision as well as explore personal issues that are affecting their counseling work.
- Students are expected to be on time for supervision and attend all supervision sessions.
- If a student is experiencing a conflict with her or his on-site supervisor, it is expected that he or she will try to speak with the supervisor about the conflict and/or seek guidance from the course Instructor.
- Students are required to attend weekly internship seminars (COUNM 725 or 726).

## Copies

All supervisors should make a copy of this agreement for their files. Each student keeps a copy, and the original is given to the Fieldwork Coordinator at Hunter College. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please sign this agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Lask, CRC, LMHC

Clinical Coordinator of Fieldwork Placements

email: [mlask@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:mlask@hunter.cuny.edu)

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Supervisor's Signature

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Date

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Supervisor's Printed Name

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Certification Number

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Fieldwork Agency/ Site Name

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Student's Signature

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Student's Printed Name

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Date



Dear Mental Health Counseling Internship Site Supervisor,

Please review all requirements and confirm, by placing an X on each line for each requirement and signing below, that all may be met at your agency next semester:

- ☐ Audio recording clients with their consent or their parent's consent
- ☐ Direct supervision by a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with a minimum of 2 years pertinent, professional experience
- ☐ 1 hour of weekly on-site supervision by that Licensed Mental Health Counselor - Weekly supervision is best provided in a regularly scheduled weekly/hourly meeting so that students are able to prepare for your meeting.
- ☐ The student is not currently employed at this fieldwork site for more than 3 months
- ☐ 300 hours per semester equals a minimum of 20 hours per week for 2 consecutive semesters
- ☐ Of these 300 semester hours, 120 hours include direct services, engaging with assigned students in the practice of Mental Health counseling including social and emotional counseling activities.
- ☐ Engage in 8 to 10 clinical interactions/week throughout each semester for 2 consecutive semesters
- ☐ An online evaluation of this student's performance will be completed at the end of the semester. This online evaluation will be emailed to you in December 2025 & May 2026.

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Supervisor's Signature

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Supervisor's Printed Name

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Date

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Supervisor's Licensure Number

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Fieldwork Agency/ Site Name

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Student's Signature

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Student's Printed Name

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Date

# Checklist of Requirements for Enrollment in Practicum

Offered in Spring Semester Only

- ☐ Pre-requisite Courses: COCO 701 and COCO 702
- ☐ Pre- or Co-requisite Courses: COCO 700 and COUNM 716
- ☐ Co-Requisite Courses: COUNM 718 and COUNM 719
- ☐ Become a student member of ACA or ARCA
- ☐ Obtain a field site
- ☐ Complete and submit to the *Agreement Between Fieldwork Supervisor, Student and Hunter College Form* – Signed by Site Supervisor and Student
- ☐ *Letter of Confirmation that Requirements Can be met* – Signed by Site Supervisor and Student
- ☐ Complete and submit to Fieldwork Placement Clinical Coordinator the *Fieldwork Placement Information Sheet* or Complete and submit to Fieldwork Placement Clinical Coordinator the *Application Form for New Fieldwork Site* (when applicable)
- ☐ Submit Memorandum of Insurance as proof of liability insurance with required limits
- ☐ Submit a copy of your Hunter Counseling (graduate) Program Unofficial Transcript, from CUNYfirst (If unable to print, Coordinator will print it for you. No need to pay for a copy from the registrar)
- ☐ Obtain permission to enroll in practicum courses:
  - ☐ Meet with your academic advisor during Advisement Week to review that all pre-requisite courses have been met to be eligible to apply for practicum.
  - ☐ COUNM 718: Practicum Seminar:
    - ☐ Indicate a time preference for COUNM 718 when you submit your completed fieldwork paperwork. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference; however, this cannot be guaranteed.
- ☐ Michelle Lask will email you via your Hunter email with the information required to register for your assigned section of COUNM 718 and COUNM 719.

# Checklist of Requirements for Enrollment in Internship

- ☐ Pre-requisite Courses: COUNM718, COUNM 719 and COCO 706
- ☐ Obtain a field site
- ☐ Complete and submit to Fieldwork Placement Clinical Coordinator the *Fieldwork Placement Agreement Form* – Signed by Site Supervisor and Students
- ☐ *Letter of Confirmation that Requirements Can be met* – Signed by Site Supervisor and Student
- ☐ Complete and submit to Fieldwork Placement Clinical Coordinator *Fieldwork Placement Information Sheet*
- ☐ Complete and submit to Fieldwork Placement Clinical Coordinator the *New Fieldwork Placement Information Sheet* (when applicable)
- ☐ Submit Memorandum of Insurance as proof of liability insurance with required limits
- ☐ Submit a Copy of your Hunter Counseling (graduate) Program Unofficial Transcript, from CUNYfirst (If unable to print, Coordinator print it for you. No need to pay for a copy from the registrar)
- ☐ Become a student member of ACA or ARCA (optional)
- ☐ Obtain permission to enroll in internship course:
  - ☐ Meet with your academic advisor to review that all pre-requisite courses have been met to be eligible to apply for internship.
  - ☐ Indicate a time preference for COUNM 725 (when you submit your completed fieldwork paperwork (due the first Thursday of May) Every effort will be made to accommodate your preference however this cannot be guaranteed. This is a year-long course. You will be assigned to this same section in fall and spring semesters.
  - ☐ The Fieldwork Coordinator will email you via your Hunter email with the information required to register for COUNM 725: Internship 1 in fall semester. The Fieldwork Coordinator will email you via your Hunter email with the information required to register for corresponding section of COUNM 726: Internship 2 in spring semester.