I. **Course Description**
Provides for the development of professional expertise in an approved counseling setting. The experience includes a minimum of 100 clock hours, at least 40 of which must be in direct service to clients. Students will participate in both weekly individual/triadic supervision and group supervision.

II. **Rationale**
The purpose of practicum in the Doctoral Program in Counseling is to develop and/or refine advanced counseling skills which could conceptually link counseling practice to teaching, consulting, and supervision. If conducted at the student’s current work site, the practicum experience must include new learning that is qualitatively different from the student’s occupational responsibilities.

III. **State-Adopted Proficiencies for Counselors:** N/A

IV. **TExES Competencies:** N/A

V. **Course Objectives**

This course is designed to meet the following CACREP Standards. Standards listed in bold are specifically assessed in this course. Other standards may vary for individual students, depending on plan for practicum.

A. Doctoral CACREP Standard II-B-2. Doctoral students develop collaborative relationships with program faculty in teaching, supervision, research, professional writing, and service to the profession and the public.

B. Doctoral CACREP Standard II-C-7. Doctoral students are required to understand and apply ethical and legal considerations in counselor education and supervision.

C. **Doctoral CACREP Standard III-A.** Doctoral students are required to participate in a supervised doctoral-level practicum of a minimum of 100 hours in counseling, of which **40 hours must be in direct service with clients.** The nature
of the doctoral-level practicum experience is to be determined in consultation with program faculty and/or a doctoral committee. During the doctoral student’s practicum, supervision will occur as outlined in entry-level standards III.A and III.C–E. The use of student supervisors is not allowed in a doctoral-level practicum.

D. Doctoral CACREP Standard IV.B.1: Doctoral students shall demonstrate the application of theory and skills of clinical supervision.

E. Doctoral CACREP Standard IV.B.2: Doctoral students shall develop and demonstrate a personal style of supervision.

F. Doctoral CACREP Standard IV.F.4: Doctoral students shall demonstrate the ability to develop and submit a program proposal for presentation at state, regional, or national counseling conferences.

G. Doctoral CACREP Standard IV.H.1: Doctoral students shall demonstrate a personal theoretical orientation based on a critical review of existing counseling theories.

H. Doctoral CACREP Standard IV.H.2: Doctoral students shall demonstrate effective application of multiple counseling theories.

I. Doctoral CACREP Standard IV.H.3: Doctoral students shall demonstrate an understanding of case conceptualization and effective interventions across diverse populations and settings.

The primary student learning outcomes for this course include the following:

Doctoral students will complete doctoral-level counseling practica that total a minimum of 100 clock hours. Of these, at least 40 will be in direct service to clients, as evidenced by the doctoral practicum log signed by both the site supervisor and the university instructor.

Doctoral students will demonstrate the ability to effectively apply multiple counseling theories as evidenced by instructor ratings of 3 and above on counseling skills ratings and mid-semester evaluations, instructor ratings of student critiques, and the final evaluation.

Other student learning outcomes include the following:

A. Students will demonstrate in-depth understanding of counseling theories by critiquing videotapes illustrating a variety of theoretical approaches according to specific criteria assigned by instructor, as assessed by instructor rating of student critiques.

B. Students will demonstrate the ability to assess their own counseling skills, identifying target areas for emphasis in training as well as areas of specialization, as assessed by instructor evaluation of student self-assessment of skills on role-play and subsequent case presentations.

C. Students will demonstrate development of professional counselor educator identity by preparing a conference proposal for a state/regional/national conference and by attending local/regional/state/national meetings and/or conferences.

D. Students will demonstrate enhanced understanding of multicultural and ethical issues relevant to counselor education pedagogy through active participation in group supervision discussion and through final reflective paper.
VI. Course Topics
Major topics and experiences will be advanced counseling, application of theory, counselor education, supervision, consultation, training, and legal and ethical issues. Special topics may include social and cultural issues, program development and management, professionalism, advocacy, evaluation, pedagogy, and comprehensive school guidance programs.

VII. Instructional Methods and Assignments
Field experiences and case presentations, group and individual or triadic supervision, critiques of counseling theories demonstrated in DVDs, role-playing and feedback

Course Requirements:
1. Assess advanced counseling competencies and identify one or more areas to address as a part of the practicum experience.
2. Review objectives of course and identify areas of specialization for field experiences.
3. Present at least two cases for supervision and critique beyond the initial role play.
4. Identify career and expertise goals for consideration in designing practicum experiences.
5. Demonstrate understanding of theories by critiquing and evaluating tapes from particular theoretical stances.
6. Use supervision and consultation courses to develop additional opportunities for practicum and internship experiences (CNEP 6350 and CNEP 6335).
7. Assist with supervision of master’s level practicum students in consultation with faculty.
8. Attend local professional meetings and record on weekly log. (i.e. Chi Sigma Iota, ACA, CCISD or other School District Counselor Meetings, Gulf Coast Counselor’s Association, Coastal Bend Association for Marriage and Family Therapy).
9. Seek professional certification/licensure as desired.
10. Submit a brief proposal outlining practicum goals and describing field experiences. Attach to site supervisor agreement and submit by second class meeting. Total hours of field experience will be 100 hours.
11. Collaborate with peers and professors to submit program proposal for ACA, TCA, ASCA, ACES, or other appropriate Annual Conference.
12. Keep a log of practicum experiences including direct/indirect hours and weekly group and individual/triad supervision. Due 1st class meeting of each month.
13. Submit tape of counseling session by due date. This 25-30 minute session will be role-played and recorded at the beginning of the semester and will demonstrate your current helping skills. The second 25-30 minute session will be taped at the end of the semester and will be a demonstration of counseling skills after supervision and training. Tapes may be used for group supervision as scheduled by professor throughout semester.
14. Arrange to shadow a school counselor for at least one day during the semester. Students may elect to extend the experience to two or three days in order to
observe school guidance programs at elementary, middle and secondary school levels. Discussion of observations and experience will occur during group supervision at end of semester.

15. Submit a brief paper reflecting on your experiences in terms of your original proposal and learning goals. Describe in specific terms how you addressed your interests and specialization, and what the outcomes were. How did you overcome challenges? What are your strengths at this point? Identify any areas in which you would like to improve. Comment specifically about your advanced counseling skills at this point, and include reflection about your tapes, including any areas of growth you expected, experienced, did not experience, etc. Include a reference list of books, articles, etc. used during the course of your practicum experience. Indicate goals for internship.

VIII. Evaluation

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IX. Textbook

In lieu of selecting a textbook, doctoral students are expected to complete readings from bibliography below. In addition, students are expected to identify and complete readings concerning particular areas identified in the practicum proposal as well as other materials identified by the instructor for class discussions.

X. Course Schedule and Policies

A. Instructor and schedule information

B. Class Policies: Experiential and process activities are crucial to meeting the learning objectives of practicum and internship. Attendance is mandatory and a minimum of 22 ½ hours of group supervision and 15 hours of individual supervision are required for successful completion of the course. Because of the nature of experiential and process activities, professional standards of confidentiality are expected to be maintained. Failure to do so will be considered an ethics violation.

C. Additional Course Policies: Attendance is required for all class meetings and tardiness is unacceptable and may result in lower class grades. Late work will lose a point a day
from the due date. All cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices should be turned off during class unless you have instructor’s permission. Gossiping is not tolerated and you may be asked to leave the room.

D. Academic Integrity/Plagiarism: University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a failing grade. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the TAMU-CC Academic Misconduct policy.

E. Grade appeals: As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

F. Disabilities Accommodations: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment what provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at 361.825.5816 in Driftwood 101. If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at 361.825.5816.

XI. Selected Bibliography


This rating scale includes counseling skills as well as those related to specific interventions, diagnosis, and case conceptualization. Doctoral students are expected to progress toward “good” or “very good” ratings in each of the skill areas shown.

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