

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION: Training Requirements

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Infusing a practitioner model in the Ph.D. in CES program, students will be required to participate in supervised opportunities in order to develop skills related to instructional content key areas (advanced clinical, teaching, supervising, research and scholarship, and leadership and advocacy). Additionally, with many in-class activities, students will be required to engage in an advanced practicum (COUN 9360/9361) and an advanced internship (COUN 9990/9991). Specifics of these follow.

ADVANCED PRACTICUM

Doctoral students in GSU's Ph.D. in CES program will participate in a supervised doctoral-level counseling practicum of a minimum of 100 hours, of which a minimum of 40 hours must be providing direct counseling services. Doctoral students must be covered by individual professional counseling liability insurance while in advanced practicum. The nature of doctoral-level practicum experience is to be determined in consultation with their faculty advisor and/or program clinical coordinator.

This required advanced clinical supervised experience is to augment the student's clinical abilities. It is highly recommended that students find a clinical setting in which they would be able to expand their experience with populations, types of service, and/or other clinical knowledge and skills. It is not recommended, though not prevented, to conduct this experience at their current place of employment. Advanced practicum is scheduled within the cohort's program of study sequence.

Working with their faculty advisor and/or the clinical coordinator, students should begin looking for an advanced practicum training site at least six months prior to their required/planned engagement.

ADVANCED INTERNSHIP

The advanced internship for the Ph.D. in CES is designed to focus on individual student's professional and post-degree goals. Doctoral students are required to complete internships that total a minimum of 600 overall clock hours. There are no direct contact hours required. The minimum 600 hours must include at least one supervision and one teaching supervised experience. Students must additionally have one or more supervised activity from the other three core areas: clinical (post advanced practicum), research and scholarship, and/or leadership and advocacy. Doctoral students must be covered by individual professional counseling liability insurance while engaged in a counseling or supervision internship experience. To qualify for advanced internship, students must pass the comprehensive exam.

TRAINING SUPERVISION

During both Advanced Practicum and Advanced Internship, students will receive, on average, weekly one-hour individual or triadic site supervision. Additionally, students will be enrolled in a program class constituting, on average, of 1.5 hours of weekly group supervision.

Advanced Practicum Supervisor Qualifications:

The individual/triadic practicum supervisor must meet one of the following qualifications:

1. A counselor education program faculty member; or
2. An individual with a graduate degree (preferably doctoral) in counseling or a related mental health profession with specialized expertise to advance the student's knowledge and skills.

The advanced practicum group supervision is provided on a regular schedule with other students throughout the practicum and is performed by a counselor education program faculty member.

Advanced Internship Supervisor Qualifications:

The individual/triadic internship supervision will be provided by one of the following:

1. A site supervisor with a doctorate in counselor education;
2. An individual with a graduate degree and specialized expertise to advance the student's knowledge and skills; or
3. A counselor education program faculty.

The advanced internship group supervision is provided on a regular schedule with other students throughout the internship and must be performed by a counselor education program faculty member.