

Masters-Level Counseling Practicum
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse/Counseling and Testing Center
Fall 2011

The University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Counseling and Testing Center is offering a semester-long practicum in counseling for masters-level students. The practicum is designed to provide training in a wide range of skills and assist in the development of a trainee's professional identity and interests. The practicum offers training and supervision in counseling, crisis intervention, outreach, and program development. A counseling practicum student must commit to a minimum of 20 hours per week (Thursday mornings are mandatory) on-site during the academic semester.

The training program emphasizes clinical and professional development, personal growth, consultation, and a collaborative approach to learning. The initial stages of the practicum are highly structured to allow for the greatest support as the practicum student hones clinical skills and builds professional confidence. The Counseling and Testing Center has excellent facilities and uses electronic video as a primary training tool. All practicum students are expected to videotape their sessions.

Training Activities

Direct Service – A practicum student would normally expect to conduct weekly intake sessions, carry an individual caseload, and may rotate through the on-call urgent care service. Facilitating groups and workshops is highly encouraged, based on the trainee's experience and interests.

Outreach and Consultation – the Counseling and Testing Center has developed outreach programs in the areas of depression, anxiety, alcohol education and prevention, eating disorders, and relationship violence. Practicum students are expected to contribute to these efforts, and/or develop other outreach programs based on their interests and expertise.

Supervision and Training – The Counseling and Testing Center staff includes a licensed psychologist, two licensed professional counselors, and licensed clinical social worker, a masters-level counseling intern, and one to two psychology post-doctoral clinicians. The practicum student is assigned a primary and a secondary supervisor, but is strongly encouraged to learn from all counseling staff. Philosophically, the Counseling and Testing Center staff is highly committed to helping practicum students develop their skills in an atmosphere of trust and respect.

Qualifications

Applicants must complete all required courses in a graduate level program in Counselor Education, Counseling Psychology, or the equivalent. Please contact the training coordinator, Lauren Everitt, if you have questions about the training site. This is a stipend-free training

experience. Supervision and clinical experience are exchanged for the practicum student's clinical work. Upon successful completion of the practicum, a trainee may be invited to pursue a masters-level counseling internship at the Counseling and Testing Center.

Application

Generally, the Counseling and Testing Center processes applications for counseling practicum positions during the semester preceding a placement. Completed applications should include a letter of interest, a graduate transcript, a resume/vita, a statement of readiness from your training coordinator or department chair, and two letters of reference. Interviews will be conducted on-site until the practicum slots have been filled.

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