

# MSE School Counseling Program Practicum and Internship Requirement



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**ENTRY-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

- A. Students are covered by individual **professional counseling liability insurance policies** while enrolled in practicum and internship.
- B. Supervision of practicum and internship students includes **video recordings** and/or live supervision of students' interactions with students in the school. Permission will need to be secured from the students' parents/guardians in order to record them. The videos will be viewed only by the counseling student's supervision group and faculty supervisor.
- C. **Formative and summative evaluations** of the student's counseling performance and ability to integrate and apply knowledge are conducted as part of the student's practicum and internship by the site supervisor.
- D. As a part of their internship and practicum school counseling students must have the opportunity to become familiar with a variety of professional activities and resources, including technological resources, during their practicum and internship.
- E. In addition to the development of individual counseling skills, during internship students must **lead or co-lead a counseling or psychoeducational group** for a total of **ten hours** at their site.

**PRACTICUM**

- F. Students complete supervised counseling practicum experiences that total a minimum of **100 clock hours** (10 hours/week) over one full academic semester.
- G. Practicum students complete at least **40 clock hours of direct service** with actual students in the school that contributes to the development of counseling skills.
- H. Practicum students have weekly interaction with their site supervisor that averages **one hour per week of individual supervision**.
- I. Practicum students participate in an average of 1½ hours per week of live supervision (online via Zoom) on a regular schedule throughout the practicum with an Arkansas State University school counseling faculty member.

### INTERNSHIP

J. After successful completion of the practicum, students complete **600 clock hours of supervised counseling internship** in roles and settings with students relevant to their specialty area over the course of two full semesters.

K. Internship students complete at least **240 clock hours of direct service**.

L. Internship students have weekly interaction with site supervisors that averages **one hour per week**.

M. Internship students participate in an average of 1½ hours per week of live group supervision (online via Zoom) on a regular schedule throughout the internship with an Arkansas State University school counseling faculty member.

### SITE SUPERVISOR QUALIFICATIONS

N. Site supervisors have (1) a minimum of a master's degree, preferably in counseling, or a related profession; (2) school counseling certification and/or license; (3) a minimum of two years of pertinent professional experience as a professional school counselor; (4) knowledge of Arkansas State University MSE School Counseling program's expectations, requirements, and evaluation procedures for students; and (5) relevant training in counseling supervision. This training can be provided by Arkansas State University's School Counseling Faculty if needed.

O. Written supervision agreements will define the roles and responsibilities of the faculty supervisor, site supervisor, and student during practicum and internship.