Portland State University School Counseling Program

Internship Experience – Fall, Winter, Spring

- The School Counseling Internship is when the student is placed in 2 schools concurrently to complete 600 total hours of school counseling service.
- These hours are completed under the supervision of a qualified school counseling supervisor who has a minimum of 2 years practicing as a licensed school counselor.
- Students complete a major placement (400 hours) and a minor placement (200 hours). One placement is at the elementary level and one is at the (MS/HS) Middle of High level. This is approximately 20 hours per week total through the course of 3 academic terms (from the report-back date in the fall to the conclusion of the academic year in the spring).
- The student must complete a total of 240 direct client service hours toward a total of 600 internship hours (including both direct and indirect service).
- The students must receive one hour of supervision per week from their approved supervisor, plus 1 ½ hours a week of group supervision at PSU.

Expectations

The on-site supervisor’s main responsibilities are as follows:

1. To ensure the student counselor is progressing toward an understanding and demonstration of competence with respect to each of the TSPC/CACREP standards.
2. To ensure the student is developing competent helping skills
3. To provide the student with professional responsibilities and opportunities similar to what the counselor will experience as a professional in the field.
4. To remain in contact with the PSU Faculty Liaison and/or School Counseling Coordinator if any concerns arise.
5. To complete a written evaluation at the conclusion of each term.
6. To conduct individual supervision with the counselor in training once a week for a minimum of one hour of uninterrupted, dedicated supervision time.

The counselor in training’s main responsibilities are to provide counseling services in accordance with the needs of the student population and requirements of the supervisor and administrator(s), and to conduct an Action Research project at one of the two internship sites.

Compensation: Site Supervisors will receive a Reduced Enrollment Fee Privilege (voucher) of 3 credits, valued at one third the regular tuition at PSU, minus any course fees. This will be distributed to the district HR office at the end of the school year.

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