

Changes to Practicum and Internship Requirements for Masters in Counseling Programs

Proposed Change: The counseling program is proposing a curriculum change so that the practicum and internship experiences represent more advanced coursework following foundational counseling courses (e.g., G522 and G523)

Rationale:

We are proposing a curricular change to use G624 and G647 for the practicum and internship experiences in the Master's programs in Counseling to follow a curriculum that is logical, sequential, and graded in complexity. These courses include supervision and assessment of students' ability to integrate knowledge and skills learned in the foundational courses (G522 & G523) as they are implemented with real clients. More specifically, in practicum and internship, student learning involves using foundational skills, integrating theory to understand their clients, and managing real-world crises such as hospitalization, self-harm, or reporting of child abuse. Thus, the course content and objectives are consistent with G624 Advanced Practicum in Counseling and G647 Advanced Internship in Counseling. To clarify – we are not proposing any changes to existing courses; rather, the change in the curriculum clarifies the distinction between foundational courses that emphasize counseling theories and basic counseling skills in G522 and G523 versus more advanced counseling training provided in G624 and G647.

Department Justification and Vote

As recommended by our accrediting body (Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council), the counseling program is proposing to change the practicum and internship courses to 600 level courses. This will bring the program into compliance with the requirement for 8:1 student faculty ratios for clinical courses. These changes will apply to the following programs: M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling and Counselor Education- Mental Health Track (60 Credits) M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling and Counselor Education- Addictions Track (60 Credits) M.S.Ed. in Counseling and Counselor Education- School Track (48 Credits) We will replace G524 Practicum in Counseling with G624 Advanced Practicum in Counseling (Psychology) and G550 Internship in Counseling with G647 Advanced Internship in Counseling.

- Date of vote: 7/13/2019
- 26 total faculty members
- 21 approved change
- 2 on sabbatical
- 1 on approved leave
- 1 serving as EAD
- 1 did not respond

Update to Bulletin for 2020-21

M.S.Ed. in Counseling and Counselor Education- School Track

Degree Requirements (48 cr.)

Major Requirements (39 cr.)

- G502 Professional Orientation and Ethics (3 cr.)
- G505 Individual Appraisal: Principles and Procedures (3 cr.)
- G522 Counseling Theories (3 cr.)
- G523 Laboratory in Counseling and Guidance (3 cr.)
- ~~G524 Practicum in Counseling (3 cr.)~~
(Pre-requisite: ~~G522 and G523, or equivalents.~~)
- G532 Introduction to Group Counseling (3 cr.)
- G542 Organization and Development of Counseling Program (3 cr.)
- ~~G550 Internship in Counseling (6 cr.)~~
- G552 Career Counseling: Theory/Practice (3 cr.)
- G562 Intervention, Consultation and Program Development (3 cr.)
- G575 Multicultural Counseling (3 cr.)
- G624 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology (3 cr.)
- G647 Advanced Internship in Counseling (6 cr.)
- P624 Biology of Behavior (3 cr.)

Inquiry Requirement (3 cr.)

- Y520 Strategies for Educational Inquiry (3 cr.)

Human Growth and Development Requirement (3 cr.)

- P514 Life Span Development: Birth-Death (3 cr.)

Elective Requirement (3 cr.)

Three graduate credit hours outside the counseling and counselor education major are required. The course should broaden understanding in psychological foundations. Specific course selection must have the approval of your academic advisor.

Proposed 2020-21 Bulletin Entry**M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling and Counselor Education- Addictions Track****Degree Requirements (60. cr)***Major Requirements (48 cr.)*

G502 Professional Orientation and Ethics (3 cr.)

G505 Individual Appraisal: Principles and Procedures (3 cr.)

G510 Introduction to Alcohol and Drug Counseling (3 cr.)

G511 Screening and Assessment of Alcohol and Drug Problems (3 cr.)

G512 Counseling Approaches with Addictions (3 cr.)

G513 Legal and Illegal Drugs of Abuse (3 cr.)

G522 Counseling Theories (3 cr.)

G523 Laboratory in Counseling and Guidance (3 cr.)

~~G524 Practicum in Counseling (3 cr.)~~

G532 Introduction to Group Counseling (3 cr.)

~~G550 Internship in Counseling (6 cr.)~~

G552 Career Counseling: Theory/Practice (3 cr.)

G563 Mental Health Counseling (3 cr.)

G575 Multicultural Counseling (3 cr.)

G615 Psychopathology and Advanced Diagnosis (3 cr.)

G624 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology (3 cr.)G647 Advanced Internship in Counseling (6 cr.)*Inquiry (3 cr.)*

- Y520 Strategies for Educational Inquiry (3 cr.)

Human Growth and Development (3 cr.)

- P514 Life Span Development: Birth-Death (3 cr.)

Biological Basis of Behavior (3 cr.)

- P624 The Biology of Behavior: Implications for Educational & Clinical Work (3 cr.)

Elective Requirements (3 cr.)

Three graduate credit hours outside the counseling and counselor education major are required (non EDUC-G course. Specific course selection must have the approval of your academic advisor.

M.S.Ed. in Mental Health Counseling and Counselor Education- Mental Health Track

Degree Requirements (60. cr)

Major Requirements (42 cr.)

- G502 Professional Orientation and Ethics (3 cr.)
- G505 Individual Appraisal: Principles and Procedures (3 cr.)
- G510 Introduction to Alcohol and Drug Counseling (3 cr.)
- G522 Counseling Theories (3 cr.)
- G523 Laboratory in Counseling and Guidance (3 cr.)
- ~~G524 Practicum in Counseling (3 cr.)~~
- G532 Introduction to Group Counseling (3 cr.)
- ~~G550 Internship in Counseling (6 cr.)~~
- G552 Career Counseling: Theory/Practice (3 cr.)
- G563 Mental Health Counseling (3 cr.)
- G567 Marriage and Family Counseling (3 cr.)
- G575 Multicultural Counseling (3 cr.)
- G615 Psychopathology and Advanced Diagnosis (3 cr.)
- G624 Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology (3 cr.)
- G647 Advanced Internship in Counseling (6 cr.)

Inquiry Requirement (3 cr.)

- Y520 Strategies for Educational Inquiry (3 cr.)

Human Growth and Development Requirement (3 cr.)

- P514 Life Span Development: Birth-Death (3 cr.)

Biological Basis of Behavior Requirement (3 cr.)

- P624 The Biology of Behavior: Implications for Educational & Clinical Work (3 cr.)

Clinically Oriented Course Requirement (3 cr.)

- G511 Screening and Assessment of Alcohol and Drug Problems
- G512 Counseling Approaches with Addictions
- G513 Legal and Illegal Drugs of Abuse
- G542 Organization and Development of Counseling Programs
- G562 School Counseling
- G580 Topical Seminar in Counseling and Guidance: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Youth
- G609 Interventions in Performance Psychology
- G632 Advanced Group Leadership
- G647 Advanced Internship in Counseling
- Any other clinically oriented course approved by the advisor

Elective Requirements (6 cr.)

Three graduate credit hours outside the counseling and counselor education major are required. The course should broaden understanding in psychological foundations. Specific course selection must have

the approval of your academic advisor. The second elective can be inside or outside of the counseling and counselor education major.

The following five courses from the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences can be used as electives:

- PSY-P530 Introduction to Clinical Science
- PSY-P624 Principles of Psychopathology
- PSY-P631 Intervention and Evaluation
- PSY-P641 Assessment
- PSY-P667 Neuropsychopharmacology