

**Internship  
Psychology 494/495  
Fall 2009**

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Meeting Times: Monday 12 – 1, and by appointment  
Class Meeting Place: FA 201  
Prerequisite/Corequisite: Psyc 442, Ethics in Counseling

Purpose: Internship is a variable credit course designed to give upper level psychology students field experience with local human service agencies. It is hoped field experience will give students an opportunity to employ theories and techniques they have learned in the classroom, and complement traditional academic learning with hands-on experience. Internship also allows for students to support and provide for the needs in their community.

**Objectives:**

- 1) Successfully function within a human service agency setting.
- 2) Conceptualize client cases for peer presentation and consultation.
- 3) Conceptualize client cases for 1:1 supervision.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Confidentiality of clients is paramount in a class/experience such as this. Any student found violating client confidentiality will receive a failing grade. The breach of confidentiality will be discussed with the internship site, and dismissal from the internship site will be at the discretion of the site supervisor.

A note to persons with disabilities: If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible. My office location, office hours, phone number, and email address are noted above.

**Grading:**

Class case presentation	50 points	70-100%	Pass
Reflection questions	~50 - 100 points		
Attendance & participation	50 points	69% and below	Fail
Feedback from site	100 points		
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	~250 - 300 points		

Elaboration of Assignments

**Class case presentation:** Each student will select at least 2 persons from their site to present to their peers for case consultation. Presentations should be prepared keeping in mind relevant information as provided in the handout. IN NO WAY SHOULD THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR CLIENT BE COMPROMISED.

**Reflection Question:** Some weeks a question for reflection will either be discussed in class or emailed to you the following day. Questions will reflect topics/issues discussed in internship. They are to be typewritten, with each entry no less than 1 page and no more than 2 pages. Reflection questions are due the following class period. An incomplete for the class will be given if all reflection questions are not completed.

**Feedback from site:** Site supervisors will be asked to review the student's work, and comment on strengths and weaknesses. Feedback received from the site will be reviewed with the student. I will also visit each site.

**Attendance:** Attendance is required for this course. No one will receive a passing grade who misses more than 1 class, unless excused in advance. Advance does NOT mean leaving me a phone message, but planning an absence collaboratively with me.

**Please check your LCSC email account at least every other day. It is the major way I communicate with you between class meetings.**

### **Class Meeting Schedule**

**August 24:** Overview and expectations for case presentation  
Review issues of confidentiality and suicidality, determination of goals  
Assessing suicidality

**August 31:** TBD

**September 7:** No class – Labor Day

**September 14:** TBD

**September 21:** Case presentation

**September 28:** TBD – Domestic Violence Conference

**October 5:** Case presentation

**October 12:** Case presentation

**October 19:** Case presentation

**October 26:** Case presentation

**\*\* October 30, last day to withdraw from class(es) or college for the semester.**

Please note that I will not support petitions for late withdrawal except under unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

**November 2:** Case presentation

**November 9:** Case presentation

**November 16:** Case presentation

**November 23:** No class – Thanksgiving Break

**November 30:** Case presentation

**Reflection question due today, November 30:** Discuss your personal tendencies when it comes to saying good-bye. What kinds of difficulty do you have? How do you tend to handle good-byes? Which client are you going to miss the most? How are you planning to handle good-bye with this person?

**December 7 & 14:** Case presentation, final meetings and wrap-up, review of experience