Objectives: Knowledge, Skills and Practices

Upon completion of this course, student will have the knowledge and skills outlined in the following CACREP School Counseling standards. The lettering and numbers refer to specific guidelines from CACREP.

SCHOOL COUNSELING FOUNDATIONS
Knowledge (CACREP A 1-7)
Skills and Practices (CACREP 1-2)

COUNSELING, PREVENTION, AND INTERVENTION
Knowledge (CACREP C 1-3, 5-6)
Skills and Practices (CACREP D 1-5)

DIVERSITY AND ADVOCACY
Knowledge (CACREP E 1-4)
Skills and Practices (CACREP F 1-4)

ASSESSMENT
Knowledge (CACREP G 1-3)
Skills and Practices (CACREP H 1-5)

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION
Knowledge (CACREP I 1-5)
Skills and Practices (CACREP J 1-3)

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT
Knowledge (CACREP K 1-3)
Skills and Practices (CACREP L 1-3)

COLLABORATION AND CONSULTATION
Knowledge (CACREP M 1-7)
Skills and Practices (CACREP N 1-5)

LEADERSHIP
O. Knowledge (CACREP O 1-5)
P. Skills and Practices (CACREP P 1-2)
Course Requirements for Internship

I. Work in schools as an intern counselor and satisfactorily complete the following requirements:

A. General (Each semester)
1. Complete 300 hours internship per semester (600/year) with 120 direct service clock hours each semester (24/year). You will also complete 14 hours of individual supervision by your site supervisor, as well as group supervision in your weekly course.
2. Participate in all activities as requested by your site supervisor in a timely, complete manner
3. Become familiar with and follow all state/county/school policies
4. Maintain current professional liability insurance. Have documentation on file with Pamela.
5. Adhere to ethical standards as outlined by the American Counseling Association and the American School Counseling Association. Read with your on-site supervisor and sign the ethical standards guidelines; provide a copy with all signatures to your university supervisor.
6. Obtain supervision from site supervisor and/or university supervisor immediately if you become aware of any information that would cause you to be concerned for anyone’s safety. Inform both supervisors without delay.

B. Counseling Program
1. School profile
   a) Prepare a description of the school in which you are placed. Include the following:
      - number of students,
      - grade levels,
      - number of teachers and other school personnel,
      - school hours,
      - grading periods,
      - a sample report card,
      - special programs and events,
      - neighborhoods from which the students come,
      - the school “report card”
      - any other information that will help someone understand your setting (number of students on free/reduced lunch; retention rates, discipline referrals, attendance numbers).
      Focus on the strengths of the school community and the accomplishments that have occurred. The school goals, improvement plan, theme, and so forth should be included. Have this written description by our last meeting in September. [A.3, B.1-2,C.3,E.1-3, G.1,H.5,J.1,J.3,K.1-3,P.1-2]
   b) If one is available, include an outline of the program of counseling services in this setting. Prepare a calendar of your action plan for the school year. Be sure to include your identified goals, activities, and the outcomes you will use to identify the effectiveness of your actions [A.3,A.5,B.2,D.3,D.5,E.3,H.2,J.1-3,K.1-3,P.1-2]
   c) Talk with your site supervisor about the possibility of doing a modified needs assessment with some portion of the school population. Complete these steps and develop a plan for prioritizing and meeting at least one of the identified needs. Deliver the plan after you get permission from all the appropriate school officials. Describe:
      - Who will be assessed?
- What assessment methods will be used? (Give examples of possibilities and reason for your choice)
- How will the data be used?
- How will you determine the needs have been met? [G.3,P.1-2]

2. Create an informed consent brochure/disclosure statement that explains your scope of practice, your educational background and training, confidentiality definition and limits, rules about appointments (how often they may come, how they contact you, guidelines for leaving class, possibilities for before or after school sessions, when you are available), and some way for the student to acknowledge they have read and understood. Your site supervisor and the school principal must approve your use of this document. Provide your university supervisor a copy by the middle of September. [A.2-3,B.1-2,K.1,L.1,O.3,P.1-2]

3. Environmental awareness: Do two of these and provide evidence
   (a) Attend a meeting of a student organization; write a report about the meeting and a list of ideas about how that group could work with the counseling services in the school.
   (b) Attend a meeting of a faculty committee, special education placement team, a planning group, or other such meeting. Summarize your reactions and thoughts about how such a group could work with the counseling services as well as the counselor’s role in the group.
   (c) Submit a plan for a school-wide project to enhance student achievement or promote positive attitudes. Include the role of the counselor, students, faculty, and parents in your project.
   (d) Conduct a study on the school climate by finding and using a survey that addresses this data. Have your site supervisor approve the survey and your methods for administering it. Work with your school supervisor to identify a group that could complete the form and ways the data can be used.
   (e) Prepare a bulletin board that displays a counseling concept. Take a picture of the bulletin board to include in your portfolio. [A.3, B.1-2,C.3,E.1-3, G.1,H.5,J.1,J.3,K.1-3,P.1-2]

4. Planning
   Each month (or week if you prefer) provide a plan of what you intend to accomplish during the forthcoming month (or week). You should include proposed topics of classroom presentations and small groups, estimated numbers of individual clients, meetings you plan to attend, and other information to give me an idea of what you are doing. Please have these plans approved (initialed) by your site-supervisor; please bring a copy to your university supervisor on the last Wednesday each month.

II. Activities and Policies for Each Program Component

Core Counseling Curriculum (Guidance) [D.2,3,E.1-3,F.1-3,G.1,J.1-3,K.1-3,P.1-2]
- Find the NC Department of Public Instruction Guidance Essential Standards. Let that document guide your decisions related to your activities.
- Write a definition of the guidance curriculum that you would use for parents, teachers, administrators and children in your school. (Two sentences for each)
- Explain how the guidance curriculum is integrated into the core curriculum: units taught directly by counselors, co-taught with teachers, and consultant-based teacher-taught as a classroom unit. Describe how you intend to do each of those.
- Provide a sample six-session classroom unit. Each session:
a) is presented in the school district’s standard lesson plan format
b) includes competencies to be addressed
c) includes methods, materials, and time frame for each activity
d) includes specific activities that address identified competencies
e) includes an assessment of student learning and an evaluation of the unit.

Large Group Guidance (Each semester) [D.2,3,E.1-3,F.1-3,G.1,J.1-3,K.1-3,P.1-2]

- If feasible according to your site supervisor, conduct a needs assessment with a group of teachers. Plan a unit to meet what is identified as helpful. Many schools welcome classroom instruction on topics like reducing stress, developing study skills, being a friend, refusal skills, and how to provide support to someone who is being bullied.
- Then, submit for approval by your site and university supervisor a three-session classroom guidance unit that is appropriate to your setting. Be sure to state how you will know you have accomplished your goal, such as observation of student behavior, test scores, verbal or written responses.
- Next, conduct the entire unit with at least one classroom. If you cannot conduct a three-session unit in one classroom, then make a proposal to your university supervisor about how you could deliver the unit. After approval, proceed.
- Finally, submit to the university supervisor an evaluation completed at the end of the unit by the students who participated and by a school counselor or teacher who observed the sessions.

At the end of the first semester, submit your evaluation of your performance in large group guidance. In that summary list your strengths and challenges as a large group leader and your personal growth plan in this area.

Individual Planning [A.6,C.2-5,D.2-3,E.1-3,F.1-3,L.1-3,P.1,2]

- Individual planning includes advising, assessment, placement, and follow-up. For each component note the kind of student data that will be needed and where that information can be found. Put this in a chart and submit to your university supervisor by mid-October.
- Explain how individual planning will be integrated into a core curriculum and how the services of the other program components are used to mobilize individual planning initiatives.
- Provide a sample grade level activity:
  a) Activity is presented in lesson plan format
  b) Each phase of the activity includes student competencies to be addressed
  c) Each phase includes methods and materials
  d) Examples of necessary correspondences are included (e.g., letters and permission forms)
  e) Detailed follow-up activities are provided if necessary
  f) Activity evaluation form is provided.
  g) Examples:
     - Grade-level testing including preparation, coordination and setup, administration and follow-up interpretation;
     - Class selection activities, including parent nights, classroom distribution of materials, coordination and setup policies, teacher recommendations, coordination with feeder schools, actual scheduling, follow-up with parents and final placement
     - Scholarship process including letter to community, letter and information to parents, distribution to students, coordination policy with teachers, scholarship forms, application process, award of scholarship (local);
     - Transition activities to help students move in and out of school
     - Transition to middle and high school
Individual Planning Activities [A.6,C.2-5,D.2-3,E.1-3,F.1-3,L.1-3,P.1,2]

1. Assessment
   (a) Participate in the assessment program in any capacity. For example, you can coordinate, proctor, observe or attend meetings about testing.
   (b) Submit to the university supervisor a typed, double-spaced summary of the school’s entire annual testing program. This should include every group test which is administered; its purpose; when it is given; to whom it is given; how results are reported to teachers, to parents, to students; how results are used; and the counselor’s role in all of the above.

2. Career preparation
   (a) Participate in the career preparation of students in any capacity.
   (b) Design a model that represents how the school prepares students for decisions concerning career decision making and planning for post-secondary life. This may include, but is not limited to, occupational exploration, job awareness, four-year planning, career counseling and classroom guidance; job-seeking skills; coordination and distribution of information concerning financial aid, college entrance, scholarships, and school applications. Describe the counselor’s and other school personnel’s role in all of the above. Participate in some part of the activities. Document your participation, the goal of the activity and the outcomes.
   (c) Be prepared to explain the model you have used to describe career preparation in the school.

At the end of the first semester, submit your evaluation of your performance in individual planning activities. In that summary list your strengths and challenges in this area.

Preventive and Responsive Services [A.6,B.1-2,C.1-6,D.1-5,E.1-4,F.1-4G.2,H.1-5,I.1-5,J.1-3,N.4,0.1-5,P.1-2]

- Include definitions for individual counseling, small-group counseling, consultation, and referrals suitable for a school newsletter—only 2 or 3 sentences for each.
- Describe school policy for confidentiality, informed consent, duty to warn, abuse reporting and parent/guardian permission for individual counseling
- Provide samples of (1) parent/guardian permission form for individual/small group counseling and (2) informed consent brochure.
- Describe policies and procedures for small-group counseling in your school, including parent/guardian permission
- Give examples of small group ground rules, screening procedures, needs assessment form, information letter to faculty, parents, sample group schedule.
- Provide the annual plan for small groups in the school, highlighting groups you will be offering.
- Examples of small group topics that may be addressed: study skills, healthy relationship, diversity/cultural awareness, grief and loss, divorce, substance abuse prevention, anger management, and transitions
- Provide a sample six-session small group. Each session
  a) is presented in lesson plan form
  b) includes competencies to be addressed
  c) includes all materials to be used
  d) includes specific activities that address competencies
  e) includes outcome measures that indicate student learning,
  f) includes final group evaluation form
Small Group Counseling (Each semester) [A.6,B.1-2,C.1-6,D.1-5,E.1-4,F.1-4G.2,H.1-5,I.1-5,J.1-3,N.4,0.1-5,P.1-2]

1. Establish a problem-centered or growth-centered counseling group that will meet for a minimum of six sessions.
2. Obtain signed consent forms from parents and students for participation and for taping.
3. Submit tapes from at least two group sessions for a grade.
4. Prepare case notes following each session and bring to each supervision session on campus.
5. Design and submit to your university supervisor evaluation forms completed in the middle and at the end of the group. Choose one group and follow outcome measures related to student achievement, attendance and/or discipline referrals.

At the end of the semester submit your evaluation of your performance. List your strengths and challenges as a group leader and your personal growth plan in this area.

Personal Counseling (Each semester) [A.6,B.1-2,C.1-6,D.1-5,E.1-4,F.1-4G.2,H.1-5,I.1-5,J.1-3,N.4,0.1-5,P.1-2]

1. Work with a variety of students in a counseling relationship, seeking diversity of students and problems.
2. Make use of some type of student assessment information within at least one session. Use outcome measures related to student achievement, attendance or discipline referrals for at least two cases. Also use the assessment procedures for determining and structuring individual and group counseling services.
3. Establish at least three (3) continuing counseling relationships (five or more sessions with each).
4. Write case notes following each session and bring to supervision class.
5. Submit counseling tapes for supervision sessions on campus.
   (a) Obtain signed consent from the student and from the parent prior to taping.
   (b) Demonstrate appropriate facilitative and action-directed responses.
   (c) Demonstrate with at least two of the tapes you present the appropriate application of a counseling theory in which you feel proficient. Be ready to discuss the rationale for your choices.
6. Have at least two individual clients complete the short form of the Counselor Effectiveness Rating Scale three times. (six total)
7. Include a goal attainment scaling form for one client.
8. Implement an effective referral and follow-up process to use with your individual and group counseling students.

Submit a one-paragraph personal evaluation of your performance. Include two other paragraphs which describe your strengths and challenges as an individual counselor and your personal growth plan.

Program Support [M.1-5,M.6,7,N.1-4,5,0.1-5,P.1-2]

Define management activities, community outreach, public relations, and consultation.
- Management activities may include things like job descriptions, responsibilities of secretary, duties of student and parent volunteers, advisory board and budget responsibilities.
- Community outreach may include activities that involve students, parents, teachers, and local community organizations.
- Public relations events may include special one-time events, ongoing information events, contact with local media to promote services, and initiatives with local business, religious, and organizational personalities that promote school activities.
- Consultation may include policies and procedures that ensure that interactions with the local community are professional, follow a chain of command, and present professional and well-organized initiative in the best interests of students.
- Coordination of peer helper programs is also system support. Explain the extent of that program in your school setting including selection, training and implementation. Outline your participation in the peer helping program and/or how you would plan and use such a program if one does not exist.
- Describe how these activities support other program initiatives.
- Provide a sample school-wide activity. Examples include Career Day, topic-specific assemblies, school-community partnerships activities
  - Present the activity in lesson plan format.
  - Include in each phase of the activity competencies to be addressed
  - Include in each phase methods and materials
  - Include examples of necessary correspondence such as introductory letters, permission forms, and thank-you notes.
  - Provide detailed follow-up activities if necessary
  - Provide an activity evaluation form

Program Support Activities [M.1-5,M.7,N.1-3,5,0.1-5,P.1-2]

Consultation (Spring semester requirement; fall semester recommendation)
1. Participate in a consultation relationship with at least one teacher or one parent for 3-4 sessions. Explain the goal of the relationship, the activities that will be used and the outcome used for assessing effectiveness.
2. Submit a typed summary of the consultation process that should include the resolution of the problem.
3. Submit your evaluation of your performance and an evaluation completed by the consultee.

Professional Identity Development [A.4]
1. Attend at least one professional counselor meeting
2. Summarize your impressions of the usefulness of the meeting
3. Outline your professional development plan for the next five years

III. Participate in Seminars and Group Supervision (Both semesters) [D.5]
   A. Attend all scheduled classes
   B. Select a counseling theory to study in depth. Be prepared to discuss it in class as it applies to cases we review. Suggestions include reality therapy, Adlerian therapy, solution focused therapy, narrative therapy, CBT and REBT.
   C. Participate in class group supervision by presenting and discussing a case review of a client. Keep case notes for your clients a

IV. Participate in Individual Supervision [D.5]
   A. Participate in one-on-one supervision with your on-site supervisor according to the schedule you arrange with that person.
B. Participate in at least three (3) individual supervision sessions on campus with your university supervisor.

V. Reflection
A. Journals will be due on the first meeting in September, October, November, and December. Please use the journal to reflect on your experiences. You may need to write out your thought process but the portion your university supervisor wants to read is not a calendar or a recitation of what you have done for the week. Please provide one page for each week that summarizes things such as 1) what has impacted you most during the week, 2) something that is confusing you, 3) what you did really well, 4) what you wish you had done better, and 5) how you are making sense of you as a counselor. A summary of all your activities is not the goal of this assignment.
B. Time logs will be due at the same time as journals. PLEASE turn these in on time.

VI. Contribution
Design, implement, evaluate, and revise a project that will contribute something to the setting in which you are working. This will be discussed in class.

VII. Your Goals
By the middle of September, give me your three personal goals related to internship for the semester. We will develop action plans in class.

VIII. Evaluation
Your internship grade for this semester will be assigned taking into consideration the following:
- Class attendance (subtractive if miss more than 10% of class time)
- Journals & logs (on time & complete)
- Presentations of cases during supervision times
- Portfolio of each semester’s portion of the requirements (may be electronic)
- Progress on your goals
- Site supervisor evaluation