

**PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY
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DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION

**COUN 504: Internship
Field Placement**

2006 – 2007 Academic Year

INSTRUCTOR

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If you require accommodations (e.g., interpreter, note-taker, etc.), please see me immediately. I will work with you to facilitate getting any needed supports.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COUN 504 is a year-long, 240-hour direct client contact internship experience in a field setting selected by the student. Weekly individual and group supervision are to be arranged with an on-site clinical supervisor who is responsible for your direct service work. Your PSU faculty supervisor visits your site and assures that your experience is meeting necessary academic requirements.

ESSENTIAL PRACTICES ADDRESSED IN THIS COURSE:

- Develop effective helping and intervention skills
- Develop ethical clinical practice
- Meet the unique needs of diverse clients
- Create environments that enhance professional and clinical practice
- Identify community resources and appropriately consult with, refer, and/or collaborate in order to meet client needs
- Use professional resources
- Apply professional ethics

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Receive weekly individual clinical supervision over all direct service work.
2. Receive weekly group supervision.
3. Achieve a minimum of 600 hours experience in the field, 240 of which must be direct client contact in individual, group, couples, or family counseling.

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Baird, B.N. (1999). *The internship, Practicum, and Field Placement Handbook: A Guide for the Helping Professions*. Upper Saddle, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

American Counseling Association. (1995). *ACA Code of ethics and standards of practice*. Alexandria, VA: Author.

Oregon Department of Human Resources. (2003). *Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect*. Salem, OR: Author.

Remley, T.P. & Herlihy, B. (2001). Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues in Counseling. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Walborn, F.S. (1996). *Process Variables: Four Common Elements of Counseling and Psychotherapy*. Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

I. Liability Insurance

You must have the ACA Insurance Trust student professional liability insurance prior to beginning your internship experience.

II. Field Visits

Your faculty supervisor will arrange to visit you and your clinical supervisor at your site to: 1) affirm your learning goals and review your progress each quarter; 2) review the department's written supervisory evaluation form completed by your on-site supervisor.