

**Department of Administration, Counseling, Educational  
and School Psychology**

**Course Description for  
CESP 856: Counseling Practicum**

**COURSE PURPOSE:**

The counseling practicum is a skill building course in which students are expected to begin functioning, under supervision, as a counselor to selected clients. Individualization of the course centers around career and personal objectives. In addition to demonstrating counseling skills, the practicum student is expected to function as a professional in the work setting.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Students must complete 60 client contact hours. These hours can include both individual and group counseling. Students who are completing school counseling certification requirements may also include classroom guidance activities and support group activities, as well as a limited number of parent consultations and IEP activities in their 60 hour total. Students in a non-school setting may include workshop presentations as well as a limited number of staffings in their 60 hour total. In the case of IEP's and staffing, the student must be an active participant in the process in order to count the hours. Neither observation nor preparation time can be included in the 60 hour total; these activities are expected of a professional.

Students are required to audio and/or video tape their counseling sessions. These sessions will be used for supervision purposes and will be erased after supervision. If the site does not provide specific consent forms for client permission for taping, the department will provide these forms.

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