

## DOCTORAL PRACTICUM FAQs

- Q. Do I have to take a practicum my 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year? Both years?  
A. The Program requires a 720 hour practicum either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year, prior to Internship. Only one practicum is required; you may take more.
- Q. Where can I take my placement?  
A. At any site that provides school-related psychological training with a staff Ph.D., N.C. Licensed HSP psychologist on-staff.
- Q. Is travel reimbursed?  
A. Not by the program.
- Q. Can program tests and kits be borrowed/checked out?  
A. No. The field site must provide all your test needs.
- Q. When should I start exploring sites?  
A. February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Q. How do I proceed?  
A. Look at the list included in the Handbook  
B. Ask advanced students for recommendations.  
C. Ask the Program Field Site Coordinator and faculty for suggestions.  
D. Call for an interview and discuss your interest with the Director of Training at the site.  
E. Inform the Program Field Site Coordinator of your choice so that the Program may talk with the site. .
- Q. Can my field supervisor be: a social worker, psychiatrist, masters level school psychologist?  
A. No. Doctoral N.C. Licensed Psychologist HSP; employed on-staff.
- Q. How late can I get approval for a site?  
A. May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Q. Do sites pay a stipend?  
A. Not usually.
- Q. Can I get paid for testing, counseling, or therapy?  
A. Only if you have a License to Practice Psychology.
- Q. What if I forget to register for concurrent course credit?  
A. The program will notify the sited that you are not currently enrolled and does not authorize your continuation as an extern.

Q. Whose course section do I sign up for?

A. Check with the Field Site Coordinator.

Q. How many hours are required? How many days? When do I begin?

A. Placements are for 8 hours/day, 2 days/week, 30 weeks minimum. Starting and ending days are decided upon by the field site and student. August and May are the usual beginning and ending dates. The Program Field Coordinator must approve other schedules.

Q. Will the Program provide liability insurance?

A. The Program will enroll you during the third year only – you must pay the Program for the premium. You make your own arrangements from Year 4 onward including Internship.

Q. If a field site does not have a licensed staff psychologist on-site can contractual supervision be arranged?

A. No. With no psychologist on staff a defined role for psychology is not present and cannot be modeled for you. You are looking for placements where psychologists are already working to show you how it is done - not places where you can develop a role. Contracted supervision is not adequate because the dynamics of the actual practice are not known to an off-site supervisor. If an opportunity is not available to you now you may wish to look for it in an internship. This is a Program requirement.