

## PSYC 3405 UNDERGRADUATE PRACTICUM

Psychology practicum allows students to earn course credit while learning about applying psychology and gaining practical experience. You will be placed in an off-campus organization where you can gain hands-on psychology experience related to your interests. Most students will be assigned to an agency such as a mental health or disability center which provides clinical, counseling or other treatment services. Generally students assist agency staff members in teaching skills, leading group activities, or observing and interacting with clients. It is not realistic for undergraduate students to provide individual counseling or psychotherapy. Besides the agency work, students also attend a weekly seminar on campus. Students who are interested in different issues such as industrial/organizational psychology or community psychology, may be assigned to a different faculty member who will help arrange a placement, determine course requirements, and provide supervision.

### Course requirements:

- Work in the agency 4 to 8 hours per week for 2 to 4 credits.
- Attend campus seminar every 3<sup>rd</sup> week. See Schedule of Classes.
- Complete readings for seminar.
- Keep a daily journal of your experiences and insights.
- Write a brief summary paper.
- Develop a special project in the agency.
- Receive a pass/no credit grade.

### To take practicum, you:

- Must be a junior or senior psychology **major**. **PSYC minors are not permitted to enroll in Practicum.**
- Are limited to a maximum of **6** credit hours of PSYC 3405 while at UNCC.
- Can count only 3 hours of PSYC 3405 toward the **32** hours required for a major.
- Need some blocks of free time in your schedule to be at the agency

**Applications:** Contact the **PASS Center** in Colvard 4030 or send an email to [rdmcanul@uncc.edu](mailto:rdmcanul@uncc.edu)

### Steps to Enroll in PSYC 3405 if eligible:

- Step 1.** Submit a PSYC 3405 REQUEST FORM to the instructor listed in the Schedule of Classes at least 4 days before Advanced Registration begins. Enrollment is limited. Preference is given to students who are seniors, and have good grades. Late applications will be considered only if space is available.
- Step 2.** After you have **permission to enroll**, a permit will be entered into the **Banner System**. Then **you must enroll yourself** into the proper section with the appropriate number of credits.
- Step 3.** Meet with the instructor during the last month of the semester to arrange the placement for the next semester.

(You should not arrange your own placement. The faculty supervisor will work with you to find a placement that is compatible with your schedule and interests. You need to be ready to begin work during the first week of classes.)

**Withdrawing** Apply for PSYC 3405 only if you are seriously committed to enrolling. It is very disruptive to have students withdraw.

**PSYC 3405 PRACTICUM IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY**

**REQUEST FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer / Holiday Address \_\_\_\_\_

Present Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Summer / Holiday Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Class as of next semester (Circle one: Fr So Jr Sr Gr)

Anticipated Graduation Date: (Month, Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Psychology Courses Taken at UNCC (include grades):

Other Colleges Attended & Psychology Courses Taken

Psychology GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester for which credit is requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous experience related to practicum including previous PSYC 3405 credits:

Number of Credit Hours requested: \_\_\_\_\_

During the semester you will be enrolled, what blocks of time of several hours each would you be available for agency work?

Do you have other constraints such as transportation, physical or health problems that affect placement?

Indicate your placement preferences (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. choices)

Clients: children\_\_\_\_\_ adolescents\_\_\_\_\_ adults\_\_\_\_\_ No preference\_\_\_\_\_

Problems: mental retardation\_\_\_\_\_ mental illness\_\_\_\_\_ substance abuse\_\_\_\_\_

Criminal justice / court system\_\_\_\_\_ other\_\_\_\_\_ No preference\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your interests, goals, and any ideas about a particular placement sites.

Name two psychology faculty who we can contact regarding your work and your suitability for practicum.

**Deadline:** Submit this form to the Practicum Supervisor listed in the schedule of classes **by 4 Days before the start of Advanced Registration.**

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**Enrolling:** After you have **permission to enroll**, a permit will be entered into the Banner System. Then **you must enroll yourself** into the proper section with the appropriate number of credits.

**Placement:** Meet with the instructor during the last month of the current semester to arrange particulars for placement for next semester. You should not arrange your own placement.