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MEN 290

Coordinated Internship

COURSE OUTLINE

Prerequisites: MEN 100, MEN 101, MEN 102

Course Description:

Supervises on-the-job training in selected business, industrial or service firms coordinated by the college. Credit/practice ratio not to exceed 1:5 hours. May be repeated for credit. Variable hours. (VCCS MCR Description)

The purpose of this internship experience is to expose students to human service agencies in a manner that will facilitate the acquisition and practice of knowledge, skills, and personal development in the human services field.

Semester Credits: 5 Lecture Hours: 3 Completion of 180 hours at a human services agency.

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Course Outcomes:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Exhibit knowledge of a variety of human service and human behavior skills, concepts, theories, and to show the ability to integrate these into practice as a human services provider.
- Engage in appropriate relationships with clients in a therapeutic, constructive fashion.
- Understand client's needs and to be able to differentiate those needs from those of the intern.
- Evaluate the relationship of the agency to the community from the perspective of social, economic, as well as service components.
- Effectively utilize the supervisory relationship as a means of acquiring and integrating new skills, knowledge, and attitudes.

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Required Materials:

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Sweitzer, F.H. & King, M.A. (2008). The Successful Internship: Transformation & Empowerment in Experiential Learning, 3rd Edition, Brooks Cole Publishing Co., ISBN:9780495385004

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Topical Description:

- Section 1: Beginning the Journey
 - Chapter One: Surveying the Landscape
 - Chapter Two: Essentials for the Journey
 - Chapter three: Framing the Experience: The Developmental Stages of an Internship
 - Chapter Four: Understanding Yourself
- Section 2: Discovering the Field
 - Chapter Five: Experiencing the “What ifs” The Anticipation Stage
 - Chapter Six: Getting to Know Your Colleagues
 - Chapter Seven: Getting to Know the Placement Site
 - Chapter Eight: Getting to Know the Community
 - Chapter Nine: Getting to Know the Clients
- Section 3: Facing New Frontiers
 - Chapter Ten: Taking Stock and Facing Reality: The Disillusionment Stage
 - Chapter Eleven: Breaking Through the Barriers: The Confrontation Stage
- Section 4: Going the Distance
 - Chapter Twelve: Riding High: The Competence Stage
 - Chapter Thirteen: Considering the Issues: Professional, Ethical, and Legal
 - Chapter Fourteen: Traveling the Last Mile: The Culmination Stage

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