

Virginia Western Community College

MEN 290

Coordinated Internship

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.

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Canvas

Textbook:

Sweitzer, F.H. & King, M.A. (2014). *The Successful Internship: Transformation & Empowerment in Experiential Learning*, 5th Edition, Cengage., ISBN-10: 978-1-305-96682-6

Other Required Materials:

None

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.

Topical Description

1	Beginning the Journey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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
2	Discovering the Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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
3	Facing New Frontiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chapter Ten: Taking Stock and Facing Reality: The Disillusionment Stage ○ Chapter Eleven: Breaking Through the Barriers: The Confrontation Stage
4	Going the Distance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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

Notes to Instructors

None

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