

**CLINICAL PLACEMENT SITE EXAMPLES**  
**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY**  
**MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

**Practicum & Internship** provides for the application of theory and the development of counseling skills under supervision. These experiences provide opportunities for students to counsel clients who represent the ethnic and demographic diversity of the community.

**Practicum** is the first of two professional practice experiences in students' Clinical Mental Health Counseling degrees. Required of all second-year students, practicum provides for the continued development of counseling skills through fieldwork at a community agency with on-site consultation and supervision, and is designed to provide a supportive and instructional forum for students' initial experiences working with clients in community settings. The student will observe and work in a therapeutic setting, at one site, for at least 70 hours during the 15-week semester, accumulating approximately 6-8 hours a week.

**Internship** is the second professional practice experience in students' Clinical Mental Health Counseling degrees. Internship provides for the application of theory and the development of counseling skills under supervision. Internship is defined as basic and intermediate clinical and educational exposure in a clinical treatment setting where the intern is an active member of a treatment team. The student must complete a 700-hour internship placement at one site for a minimum of two semesters, accumulating approximately 20-25 hours a week.

**Examples of Types of Practicum and Internship Sites**

- Community mental health agency or center
- School or alternative school for youth where mental health services are offered
- Group practices of mental health providers
- Addiction recovery centers
- Hospices
- Inpatient facilities/Acute Treatment Units
- Hospitals where mental health services are offered
- Outpatient facilities
- Justice system facilities - jails or re-entry programs
- Assisted living/residential organizations that work with youth

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