

Practicum and Internship News

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FAQs

Please review our FAQ document in order to gain a sense of the qualifications for sites and site supervisors. The FAQ document is on our website in the "Practicum and Internship" section.

Please contact the Practicum and Internship Coordinator, Skyla Miller, with any questions you may have.

Skyla can be reached at 717-796-1800 ext. 2771 or miller@messiah. edu

<u>Reminder for Current Practicum/</u> <u>Internship Students</u>

If you are enrolled in practicum/ internship this semester, please ensure that all evaluations and semester summary logs are submitted by the end of your course. You and your site supervisor will receive links to the online evaluations via email. Please also send a thank you card to your site supervisor and any other staff (such as a principal or agency director) who have supported you during your time on site.

Dual Relationships

We have recently added a section to our FAQ document which addresses dual relationships. Please note that sites where you expect to encounter dual relationships are strongly discouraged. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. If you suspect you will encounter a dual relationship at your potential site, this information should be disclosed on the Checklist for Potential Supervisor document.

Finding a Site

In order to help you with the site search process, we have recently created a sample cover letter format and sample cover letter. These resources are available in the Practicum/Internship Preparation section of our website. Also, if you would like a letter from the Practicum & Internship Coordinator to take to an interview with a potential site, please contact Skyla at miller@messiah.edu. This letter provides an overview of the program requirements and is designed to be given to individuals who are considering serving as site supervisors.

School Counseling Track Students

PDE has recently announced that Educational Specialists (which includes school counselors) now must take the PAPA tests to become certified. Exceptions may be made if a student already holds a certification, took the Praxis I or PAPA as an undergraduate, is an LPC, or will graduate before July 2013.

Submitting Paperwork

As you plan and prepare for your practicum/internship, please ensure that your paperwork is submitted on time.

If you are planning to complete practicum or internship this summer, **all of your registration documents are due by May 1st**. For a complete list of these documents, please see the Checklist for Students in the practicum/internship section of our website.

If you are in the Clinical Mental Health or Marriage, Couple, & Family track and plan to take practicum/internship this fall, **your pre-registration form is due by May 1st.**