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SOON...

We will soon be finalizing our e-portfolio tool which will provide a place for you to submit your Practicum, Internship, and Phase documents. In August, be on the lookout for more information about how to begin building your site!

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

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Practicum and Internship News

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Greetings Counseling Students! As we look to the fast-approaching fall semester, I wanted to highlight a few updates we have recently made to the Graduate Program in Counseling requirements:

Professional Memberships

All counseling students are required to become student members of one of the following professional organizations before beginning Practicum:

- American Counseling Association (ACA)
- American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)

Previously, students were required to be a member of ACA.

However, beginning this fall, students will be able to choose from one of the above professional organizations.



National Counselor Examination

In order to graduate, all students must sit for the National Counselor Examination (NCE). This multiple choice exam focuses on human growth and development, social and cultural foundations, helping relationships, group work, career and lifestyle development, appraisal, research and program evaluation, and professional orientation and ethics. More information about this exam can be found on the web at <http://www.nbcc.org/certifications/ncc/nce.aspx>.

Previously, students were required to take the CPCE in order to graduate. Now that the NCE is required, we will no longer be asking students to take the CPCE.

TB Testing for School Counseling Students

School Counseling students are required to have a current TB test before beginning a Practicum or Internship. This test should be no more than one year old, unless otherwise specified by your site. Please send a copy of your TB screening results to the Practicum and Internship Coordinator before the start of your on-site hours.

Important Dates

September 1st: Request for Practicum/Internship Due for Spring 2011 School Counseling placements

September 15th: Request for Practicum/Internship Due for Spring 2011 Mental Health and Marriage, Couple, & Family Counseling placements

For upcoming **Practicum/Internship Deadlines**, please go to the "Forms" section of our website and select the track/level which applies to you. The Due-Date sheet link is at the top of each page. (http://www.messiah.edu/academics/graduate_studies/Counseling/resources/Forms.html)