



Master of Arts in Counseling

Practicum and Internship News

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GREETINGS COUNSELING STUDENTS

I hope your summers are going wonderfully! As you begin to look ahead to future placements and post-graduation plans, I wanted to highlight a few topics I hope are helpful to you.

ACA MEMBERSHIP

In order to enroll in Practicum or Internship, you will need to submit proof of ACA membership as well as liability insurance. Please make sure that both of these documents include your name as well as membership expiration date. You can become an ACA member by going through the steps outlined on their website (www.counseling.org). Many students have inquired about what type of document serves as proof of liability insurance. In order to find this document, please follow these steps:

1. Go to the ACA website
2. Login using your username and password
3. Click on "Evidence of Insurance" which can be found at the bottom of the page

WEBSITE

Our website (www.messiah.edu/counseling) has many resources to assist you as you navigate through Practicum/Internship preparation. To find our Practicum/Internship section, follow these steps:

1. Click "Resources and Forms" on the top right side of the Home page
2. Click "Forms" on the left-hand column
3. Scroll down to the middle of the page

LICENSURE

If you are planning to work towards becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist after graduation, please review the PA State Board policies in order to be familiar with the additional requirements needed.

For LPC information, please see this website: <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter49/chapter49toc.html>

For LMFT information, please see this website: <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/049/chapter48/chapter48toc.html>

An additional source of licensure information is the homepage for the [State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors](#).

Please note that these websites outline the requirements for **PA** licensure. If you are planning to be licensed in a different state, you will need to explore the policies specific to your region.



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.

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

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