

**Lewis & Clark College Professional Mental Health Counseling  
& Professional Mental Health Counseling – Specialization in Addictions  
MHC 580 Practicum in Counseling  
Syllabus Cover Sheet**

Required Objectives:

Professional Counseling Identity (CACREP 2016 Standards)

- 1i. ethical standards of professional counseling organizations and credentialing bodies, and applications of ethical and legal considerations in professional counseling
- 5g. essential interviewing, counseling, and case conceptualization skills
- 5l. suicide prevention models and strategies
- 5m. crisis intervention, trauma-informed, and community-based strategies, such as Psychological First Aid
- 7b. methods of effectively preparing for and conducting initial assessment meetings
- 7c. procedures for assessing risk of aggression or danger to others, self-inflicted harm, or suicide
- 7d. procedures for identifying trauma and abuse and for reporting abuse
- 7e. use of assessments for diagnostic and intervention planning purposes

Entry-Level Specialty: Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CACREP 2016 Standards)

- C2l. legal and ethical considerations specific to clinical mental health counseling
- C3a. intake interview, mental status evaluation, biopsychosocial history, mental health history, and psychological assessment for treatment planning and caseload management
- C3b. techniques and interventions for prevention and treatment of a broad range of mental health issues
- C3c. strategies for interfacing with the legal system regarding court-referred clients
- C3d. strategies for interfacing with integrated behavioral health care professionals
- C3e. strategies to advocate for persons with mental health issues

## Key Required Assignments/Student Learning Outcomes These

assignments are required for the course, but **will not be the only requirements/expectations.** The chart below lists the assignment, method of submission, and benchmark score/grade. These assignments are set up for upload to Taskstream and/or instructor provides rating for assignment. See syllabus for details.

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 1 of 6</b>							
Develops an understanding of counseling theories and develops own theoretical orientation	Practicum	Can articulate theoretical orientation, and conceptualizes clients consistent with this theory most of the time Score:3	Can articulate theoretical orientation and begins to connect theory with practice Score: 2 on most items	Can articulate theoretical orientation but cannot connect theory to practice Score: 1 on most items	Cannot articulate theoretical orientation Score: 0	Practicum Evaluation: Score on item(s) 51,53,54	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC
	Internship	Articulates theoretical orientation and consistently conceptualizes clients consistent with this theory Score: 3	Can articulate theoretical orientation, and conceptualizes clients consistent with this theory most of the time Score:2, most items	Can articulate theoretical orientation but cannot connect theory to practice Score: 1 on most or more items	Cannot articulate theoretical orientation Score: 0	Practicum Evaluation: Score on item(s) 51.53,54, 55	Internship Instructor Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 2 of 6 Human Development</b>							
Demonstrates and understanding of individual and family development.	Practicum	Highly skilled at identifying the impact individual and family development has on the therapeutic process.:Score: 3	Understands the impact of a person's individual and family development on the therapeutic process: Score 2	Is aware of the impact of a person's individual and family development on the therapeutic process Score: 1	Is unable to apply developmental theory with clients Score:0	Practicum Evaluation Item 52  Average or above score on CPCE	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 3 of 6</b>							

Understands and applies diagnosis	Practicum	Consistently uses diagnosis as appropriate from a critical theory perspective Score :3	Begins to use diagnosis as appropriate from a critical theory perspective Score:2	Begins to identify client problems using DSM criteria as appropriate Score:1	Inappropriately uses diagnosis to pathologize client problems or fails to use diagnosis when needed Score: 0	Practicum Evaluation Item 32	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC
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Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 4 of 6</b>							
Understands and applies interventions	Practicum	Is able to implement specific interventions consistent with conceptualization Score:3	Is able to identify and implement specific interventions to utilize with adults and/or children & families Score:2 as relevant	Is able to identify specific interventions to utilize with adults and/or children & families Score:1	Is unable to identify specific interventions to utilize with adults and/or children & families Score: 0	Practicum Evaluation Item(s) 33, adult 84, child/adol 85, family	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Theory and Research into Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 5 of 6</b>							
Able to gather client data, conceptualize and develop a treatment plan	Practicum	Gathers data, creates conceptualization, and plans treatment to match conceptualization with clear objectives to meet goals Score 3 on all	Gathers data, creates conceptualization, and plans treatment to match conceptualization) Score 2 on both	Insufficient at one or more of: gathering data, creating conceptualization, or writing treatment plans to match conceptualization:		MHC: 549 Final tx plan OR MHC A580 Client tx plan AND Practicum evaluation Items 31,34	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Clinical skill		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 1 of 5</b>							

Students develop therapeutic communication skills emphasize the client-counselor relationship with individuals and families	Practicum	Demonstrates high level of therapeutic communication skills, is able to develop and maintain very strong counseling relationships Score:3 on all	Demonstrates <i>good</i> level of therapeutic communication skills, is able to develop and maintain good counseling relationships Score:2 on both	Demonstrates adequate level of therapeutic communication skills, is able to develop and maintain adequate counseling relationships Score:1	Demonstrates very low level of therapeutic communication skills, is not able to develop and maintain counseling relationships Score:0	Practicum evaluation  Items 41,42	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC
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Clinical skill		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As Evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 2 of 5							
Students facilitate and manage the counseling process with individuals and families	Practicum Year	Demonstrates high level of able to facilitate and manage the counseling process across longer periods of time and across many different client populations Score 3 on most	Demonstrates good level of able to facilitate and manage the counseling process across longer periods of time and across several different client populations Score 2 on most	Is beginning to be able to facilitate and manage the counseling process across moderate periods of time and across limited client populations Score 1 on most	Is not able to facilitate and manage the counseling process across periods of time and across many different client populations Score 0 on most	Practicum Evaluation items 44,45,46,47	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Clinical skill		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 4 of 5							
	Practicum Year	Score 3 on most	Scores 2 on most	Score 1 on most	Score 0 on most	Practicum Evaluation Items 70 to 78	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Clinical skill		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
Goal 5 of 5							
Students develop an understanding	Practicum Year	Score 3 on most	Scores 2 on most	Score 1 on most	Score 0 on most	Practicum Evaluation Items	Assessment Chair Review/Referral

g of the impact of trauma on clients and demonstrate skills in trauma counseling.						67,68,69	ral to BRC or ARC
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Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 1 of 5</b>							
Demonstrates awareness of their social locations and impact on their life experiences.	Practicum Year	Demonstrates ability to address the impact of counselor social locations in therapeutic process Score 3 on both	Demonstrates beginning awareness impact of counselor social locations on therapeutic process Score 2 on both	Is able to identify 1-3 social locations and the impact on personal experience and worldview. Score one on one	Is unable or unwilling to explore own worldview Score 0 on one or both	Practicum evaluation Items 13,57	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 2 of 5</b>							
Demonstrates ability to explore how personal experiences, thoughts, and feelings impact counseling with clients.	Practicum	Demonstrates self awareness and emotional stability. Immerging use of self in therapeutic process, uses supervision to continue growth. Score 3	Demonstrates self awareness and emotional stability and a beginning understanding of impact of self in relationships with clients, seeks assistance for continued learning. Score 2	Demonstrates self awareness and willingness to address/mediate problems. Score 1	Student demonstrates lack of self awareness that impedes learning or client care. Score 0	Practicum Evaluation Item 48	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 3 of 5</b>							
Maintains self care	Practicum	Demonstrates ability to maintain personal	Demonstrates ability to perform adequate self	Begins to use self care plan, learns to adapt plan	Engages in inadequate self care that impedes	Practicum Evaluation Items 14,24	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

		wellness to optimize professional competence. Recognizes and proactively addresses early signs of burnout. Score 3 on both	care to enhance personal wellness and ability to attend to professional responsibilities. Recognizes signs of burn out before client care is impacted. Score 2 on both	when needed, and seeks supervision and personal therapy as needed. Score on one or more	learning ability or client care. Score 0 on one or more		
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Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 4 of 5</b>							
Demonstrates awareness of competence and limitations	Practicum	Demonstrates clear awareness of competence and limitations, uses multiple channels to learn/grow (e.g. supervisor, literature search,	Demonstrates basic awareness of competence and limitations and seeks supervisory support	Is under confident or inconsistent in awareness of limitations, unsure when to seek supervision	Overestimates competence does not recognize limitations	Practicum Evaluation Item 25	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Self as Counselor		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 5 of 5</b>							
PQE Critical Items: Openness to supervision	Practicum	Develops clear supervisory working alliance with faculty, supervisors and peers. Able to determine when/how to express opinions differing from supervisor and to work toward resolution. Score 3 on both	Seeks supervision from faculty, supervisors and peers. Utilizes supervision to grow and develop. Score 2 on both	Same as above Score 1 on one or more	Same as above Score 0 on one or more	Practicum Evaluation Items 6,27	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Multicultural		Proficient	Benchmark	Emerging	Inadequate/	As	Evaluation
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Competence		(A)	(B)	g (C)	Fail	evidenced by:	and Remediation
<b>Goal 1 of 4</b>							
Students develop awareness of the effect of power, privilege, and difference and their own cultural attitudes, beliefs,	Practicum	Addresses impact of therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs on therapeutic process with client either directly with client or in tx planning as appropriate Score 3 on both	Understands how therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs impact relationship and therapeutic process with client, begins to develop strategies to address impact Score 2 on both	Understands how therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs may impact relationship and therapeutic process with client with supervisor assistance. Score 1 on one or more	Fails to recognize how therapist cultural attitudes and beliefs impacts relationship and therapeutic process with client, and impedes client care. Score 0 on one or more	Practicum Evaluation Item 15,58	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC
<b>Multicultural Competence</b>		<b>Proficient (A)</b>	<b>Benchmark (B)</b>	<b>Emergin g (C)</b>	<b>Inadequate/ Fail</b>	<b>As evidenced by:</b>	<b>Evaluation and Remediation</b>
<b>Goal 2 of 4</b>							
PQE Critical items: Responsibility Item 5 Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in dialogue with people who carry or hold other perspectives in ways that show respect for the other persons and other points of view. Integrity Items 3,4,5 Respect for others	Practicum		Score of 2 on most	Score of 1 on most	Score of 0 on most	Practicum Evaluation: Dispositions 4, 10, 11	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Multicultural Competence		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emergin g (C)	Inadequate/ Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 3 of 4</b>							
Students recognize limitations of theory and research to	Practicum	Recognizes client worldview, social locations,	Recognizes client worldview, social locations, and	Recognizes , with supervisor assistance, client	Fails to acknowledge client worldview, social	Practicum Evaluation Items 16,60	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

apply to all people and demonstrates awareness of need to adapt to individual client worldview, culture and social location.		and culture and the impact on client problems, and adapts treatment accordingly. Score 3 on both	culture and the impact on client problems and adapts treatment with supervisor assistance Score 2 on both	worldview, social locations, culture and the impact on client problems Scores 1 on one or more	locations, culture and the impact on client problems Score 0 on one or more		
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Multicultural Competence		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 4 of 4</b>							
Learns strategies for working with gender and gender spectrum issues, diverse populations, ethnic and other non-dominant groups.	Practicum	Score 3	Score 2	Score 1	Score 0	Practicum Evaluation: Item 61	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Professional Identity		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 4 of 6</b>							
Demonstrates ability to complete a career assessment and give feedback to client in role play	Practicum Year	Scores Effective or above in all 5 areas assessed	Scores: Effective (3) or above in 4 of 5 areas assessed	Scores below 3 in 2 or more areas assessed		MHC 540 Triad role play assignment Practicum Evaluation Item 39	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC

Professional Identity		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Evaluation and Remediation
<b>Goal 5 of 6</b>							
Demonstrates Understanding of roles & functions of	Practicum					Practicum Evaluation	Assessment Chair Review/Referral to BRC or ARC



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Ethical Practice		Proficient (A)	Benchmark (B)	Emerging (C)	Inadequate/Fail	As evidenced by:	Review and Remediation
<b>Goal 1 of 1</b>							
Understands, and follows ethical standards	Practicum	Demonstrates a strong understanding and commitment to ethical standards, recognizes ethical issues independently, demonstrates ability to recognize and remediates ethical errors with supervisor consultation. Score 3 on all	Demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to ethical standards, recognizes ethical issues independently, recognizes and remediates errors with supervisor assistance. Score 2 on all	Demonstrates an understanding of and commitment to ethical standards, begins to recognize ethical issues with supervision, may make ethical errors without awareness. Score 1 on one or more	Does not demonstrate an understanding of ACA Code of Ethics, or does not recognize practical applications. Attempts to hide mistakes or lacks openness to supervision. Score 0 on any	Practicum Evaluation Items: 1,9,28,29,30	Practicum instructor review. Referral to ARC if not at benchmark by the end of Practicum II

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Fall 2020—MHC/MHCA 580—Practicum in Counseling  
Mondays 1:00 – 4:00**

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when arranged in advance

*Please email me to make appointments for office hours and make sure I have confirmed the appointment through Google Calendar. Appointment times often fill up quickly, especially nearing the end of the semester. Thank you!*

**Course Description:** This class is designed to provide instruction and supervision to first and second semester practicum students working with clients at the Lewis and Clark Community Counseling Center. Students will receive live supervision and feedback as designated by CACREP requirements. The focus of the class will be to provide ethical and competent client care while working within the parameters of time (typically one semester), student theoretical orientation and client issues/goals. Skills that will receive particular attention will include developing a therapeutic relationship, counselor empathy and compassion. The recognition of the impact of race, culture, gender, sexual orientation and poverty as well as other societal and political influences that define the context of the therapeutic relationship will be highlighted as well. A beginning knowledge of client assessment and the development of treatment planning (including articulating the goals, objectives and interventions) will be developed. The establishment of a self-care practice and development of professional boundaries will be central as students become aware of countertransference and vicarious trauma while growing professionally as a counselor.

**Catalog description:** Working with clients in the practicum clinic, agency or school setting (eight to 10 hours per week, 100 hours total) under intensive supervision from CPSY faculty, developing the therapeutic relationship and basic counseling competencies. Students are expected to demonstrate personal characteristics and professional conduct necessary for effective, ethical counseling. [Up to] two semesters, 3 credit hour each required.

**Non-discrimination, professional student conduct, sexual misconduct and academic integrity:**

This course adheres to the general policies outlined in the catalog and student handbook of the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling. This includes full adherence to the following policies:

- Nondiscrimination: [go.lclark.edu/gsec-nondiscrimination](http://go.lclark.edu/gsec-nondiscrimination);
- Standards for professional student conduct and academic integrity: [go.lclark.edu/gsec-conduct](http://go.lclark.edu/gsec-conduct);
- Sexual misconduct: [go.lclark.edu/titleIX](http://go.lclark.edu/titleIX).

If you have any questions regarding these policies, please speak to your instructor for clarification.

**Disability services statement:** *If you have a disability that may impact your academic performance, you may request accommodations by submitting documentation to the Student Support Services Office in the Albany Quadrangle (503-768-7192). After you have submitted documentation and filled out paperwork there for the current semester requesting accommodations, staff in that office will notify me of the accommodations for which you are eligible. Because our course delivery will be online this fall, it is particularly important that you talk to me soon about accommodations and needs.*

During this online term, Student Support Services continues to be available via email ([access@lclark.edu](mailto:access@lclark.edu)) or by phone (503-768-7192). While they aren't answering the phone directly, if you call and leave a message, they will call you back. You can also make an appointment on line via their website: ([www.lclark.edu/offices/student\\_support\\_services/](http://www.lclark.edu/offices/student_support_services/)). Appointments will be conducted either by phone or Zoom.

**Technical requirements students need to be aware as we begin a new virtual semester:**

The main learning platforms for this class will include Moodle and Zoom. Moodle will be used as the primary course site and is where students will access weekly learning modules and all course materials. Please let me know ASAP if you do not see our course in your Moodle dashboard. Zoom will be used for synchronous class sessions. Enrolled students will have received information for how and when to log into class through Zoom. If something happens to my internet connection during a synchronous Zoom session (e.g., I'm suddenly gone or I freeze), I will try to get back on ASAP. If I am not back on within a couple of minutes, call me at the cell number listed at the top of this syllabus and I'll let you know what is going on.

If you have questions about accessing and using Moodle, visit [Lewis & Clark's Moodle Resources page](#). Moodle and tech support is also available by email at [ITservice@lclark.edu](mailto:ITservice@lclark.edu) or by phone at 503-768-7225. IT's summer hours are 9-5, Monday to Friday. If you call, leave a message and they will call you back.

For help and troubleshooting with Zoom, visit the Zoom Help Center: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us>

If you face Internet access challenges: Some companies are offering free or discounted access during this time. To learn more about options visit Information Technology's [Learning Remotely website](#).

**Textbook (recommended):** Edward Teyber, Interpersonal Process in Psychotherapy. Any Edition. Additional course readings and resources may be posted to the course Moodle page.

**All students must also purchase an IronKey hardware-encrypted Basic series flash drive, s250 and d250 or higher, if they will be working on client-related material away from the clinic as well as to show client video during case presentation.**

**Participation Expectations:** This class will be held online and remotely, synchronously and asynchronously. Class participation in both types of instructional delivery is expected and required. Any missed asynchronous participation activities will result in an Incomplete grade until they are completed. Missing more than ten percent of class activities may result in failure to complete the class. In case of hardship and at the discretion of the instructor, a grade of incomplete may also be given for an assignment or the entire course. In such cases, the work to be submitted in order to remove the incomplete must be documented appropriately and stated deadlines met. Students are expected to be on time to class.

Asynchronous activities (e.g., student case presentations) will be posted in bi-weekly

learning modules. Each module will be available by the Tuesday after class at 9:00 a.m. and fellow students will be expected to respond by the next synchronous class period. While we will not always use the entire synchronous time allotted, you should be available during that time for course activities such as check-ins, supervision regarding site, supervisor, and client issues, questions, concerns, etc.

**Attendance policy modification for this course:**

- Students may miss one synchronous class and must participate in ALL asynchronous activities.
- Any missed classes beyond the single class will require make-up work including any of the following; written work including research and literature review, professional reading with written review, special projects, etc., typically equivalent to a 10 page paper
- Any “planned absences” must be discussed with and approved by the course professor at least two weeks in advance of the absence.
- In case of illness and true emergencies, please notify your instructor as soon as possible.
- More than one absence a semester could result in a failure to complete the class.
- Late to class: More than 20 minutes will require make-up work at the discretion of the professor. Arriving late impacts the work of your classmates and may communicate disrespect for your instructor and your peers.

**Course Requirements:** To successfully complete the clinical practicum, the student must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 100 clock-hours of counseling activities with at least 40 of these hours in direct contact with clients over the two semesters of practicum. Students must keep approved and complete documentation of client sessions and other documentation required by the Lewis and Clark Counseling Center. Students must receive minimal 1s and no 0s on the Professional Qualities Evaluation and must perform at a satisfactory level on the Practicum Evaluation Form. Activities that can be counted toward the 100 hours may include such professional activities as consultation, coordination, supervision, documentation, case conceptualization, and research/study/learning related to counseling or client issues. In the course of completing these activities, the student will be expected to demonstrate a wide variety of counseling techniques and communication skills. At the end of the semester, the student must document the amount of time they were engaged in these activities, and submit to your instructor.

**Practicum II Students Only:**

Those who will be full-time Practicum II students are *required* to take the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) that will be offered on the Lewis & Clark campus. The test is approximately 4 hours long and will be administered by Lewis and Clark staff. Part-time students will work with their advisor on the most appropriate timing to take the CPCE.

**Grading:** This class is graded using Credit/No Credit. Each student will be evaluated in the areas of counseling competence including use effective use of micro skills, theoretical knowledge, self-awareness, and ethical practice. Case presentations during group supervision, case conceptualization, effectiveness of oral and written communication, as well as openness to feedback and supervision will all be considered in the grade. Evaluation methods may include (any and/or all) written work, observation, tape or audio review, transcriptions, case presentations, supervisor evaluations and in class participation along with timely completion of all class assignments. Evaluation of satisfactory performance will be made by your instructor.

Additional notes about grades:

- The instructor will make final decisions about grading.

- Failure to complete class requirements may include a deferred grade as well as the possible enrollment in an additional semester of practicum.
- Failure to complete the required number of direct service hours in a semester may result in a deferred grade with the possible enrollment in an additional semester of practicum.
- If your direct hours are low, you are strongly encouraged to pursue a secondary practicum! See your instructor of record for more info
- Failure to follow Ethical Guidelines of the profession will require a meeting to determine the next steps for addressing the concerns.
- Some students require more than two semesters of practicum to develop and demonstrate the requirements of a master's level counselor.
- Students must be ready to move onto Internship in order to pass Practicum.
- Occasionally personal issues or life events will make it impossible for a student to move forward in their growth as a counselor and they will be encouraged or required to take some time off for self care.

**Ethical Guidelines:** Students are expected to follow the ethical guidelines put forth by the American Counseling Association and to seek supervision when there is case confusion or an ethical dilemma to be resolved. Failure to follow ethical guidelines and/or non-disclosure of ethical problems and the seeking of appropriate supervision may result in dismissal from the practicum and/or counseling program. To follow ethical guidelines in relation to clients and to respect the work of our peers it is of fundamental importance that the contents of group discussion be regarded as absolutely confidential.

**Confidentiality and Informed Consent:** Students will make their clients aware they are enrolled in the M.A. or M.S. program in Professional Mental Health Counseling at Lewis and Clark College and that they are working under supervision. Clients should know that they are being observed and videotaped and that the counseling experience will be discussed for training purposes.

**Informed Consent, Professional Disclosure Statement, and other forms** will be used with all clients that delineate what information about them will be used (and how it will be protected) and for what purpose. Clients under the age of 14 must have the forms signed by a parent or legal guardian. This informed consent is required in addition to any of the other forms. Students will be vigilant in keeping records and tapes secure during transportation for the purpose of keeping client information confidential.

**Mandated Reporting:** Students will make mandated reports in accordance with Oregon law. Any questions about what constitutes a report or how to make a report should be immediately discussed with your instructor or the back-up supervisor. Students will utilize policies and forms related to making mandated reports as provided at the Lewis and Clark Community Counseling Center.

**Laptops and Cell Phones:** Due the experiential nature of the class, laptops should only be used during synchronous supervision to participate in Zoom. Cell phones must be silenced and text messaging is not allowed during class time. If there is an emergency you may exit the class to use your cell. If a disability requires the use of a laptop please let the instructor know at the beginning of the semester.

**Initial course topics to be addressed in supervision and in Moodle readings. This list will grow as the semester continues.**

1. Documentation of hours
2. Professional Self-Disclosure Statements
3. Required documentation
4. Intakes/Assessment (client issues and contextual/societal issues)
5. Time-limited, theoretically consistent treatment planning
6. Assessment of suicide and suicide contracts
7. Safety planning
8. Telehealth

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**Guidelines for Comprehensive Case Summary/Extended Check-In: (Due one time per semester)**

Structure of Presentations

- Before posting your written case summary/extended check-in, post a brief overview of your theoretical orientation demonstrated in a non-written/non-narrative way. This might be a chart, drawing, painting, dance or extended metaphor, then explain how it represents your work as a counselor or the counseling session itself. Our feedback will be, in part, designed to help you to find a better fit between your theory and your work with clients.
- After completing the interpretive theoretical orientation presentation and before presenting the client, clearly communicate to the class the reason you chose this client and the type of feedback you hope to receive. Say what you hope will be different for you after the presentation.
- Written case summaries **MUST INCLUDE ALL CATEGORIES LISTED BELOW (uploaded to Moodle the Tuesday after class).**
- Review/present written case emphasizing theoretical conceptualization.
- Online class discussion and feedback (all week).

***Handout must include ALL of following sections/areas. List EACH numeral (so that ALL of them are listed) as categories, and if the category is non-applicable, state this under the category. DO NOT OMIT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:***

- I. What you want from the class in relation to feedback, advice, knowledge, etc. **Communicate the reason you chose this client and what you hope will be different after your presentation.**
- II. Chief complaint/presenting problem
- III. Demographic data
- IV. History of the present illness
- V. Family issues/influences
- VI. Psychiatric/Medical: Medical/RX history for client and family
- VII. Substance Use, Abuse, Dependence History: Client and Family
- VIII. Cognitive/Affective/Behavioral/Physical Status (mini Mental Status Exam)
- IX. Client strengths/weaknesses
- X. Diagnostic Summary: DSM-5 diagnosis and brief explanation
- XI. Treatment plan consistent with your theoretical orientation (include short-term goals and longer term, theory-consistent objectives.
- XII. Transference/Counter transference issues
- XIII. Ethical Issues involved