

COUNSELLING PRACTICUM [PPSYC5870]

■6 credits

■Prerequisite: Enrollment in MPS

■Prerequisites:

PPSYC581 Intro Psychotherapy and Spirituality

PPSYC583 Professional Ethics

PPSYC585 Basic Psychotherapy Skills

PPSYC584 Theories of Counselling and Psychotherapy

Students may not engage in a practicum prior to commencing this course. Potential practicum placements are identified for students in consultation with the Department Chair or designate as part of their advising sessions prior to the course beginning. Practicum placements will be at Canadian practicum sites and residency in Canada is required. Often interviews are conducted and placements secured months prior to the first day of class.

This 6-credit practicum course consists of 600 hours in total, *300 of which are direct client contact, plus 60 hours of clinical supervision. The practicum placements may be at two or more sites, and should be arranged so as to meet the student's desired Professional Association membership requirements. The practicum course will begin with five days of instruction on-site at the College, followed by monthly engagement in online topic-based modules over the course of one year. At the conclusion of the first 150 hours, students will write a process report that reflects on their clinical work with a specific client. At the conclusion of the final 150 hours, students will write an integrative paper. After successful completion of all practicum coursework (including practicum hours and supervision) students will be credited with 25 clinical supervision hours for this course. Students must complete all 300 direct client contact practicum hours within two years of course start date; if hours are not completed by that date, students may be required, at the discretion of the Department Chair or designate, to re-enroll in the Counselling Practicum course (both intensive and online) on an audit basis. Practicum supervisors for MPS students are approved and appointed by the College. Counselling experience a student may have obtained prior to entrance into the program will not be considered or count toward practicum hours. To fulfill the Program corequisite of personal therapy, relationship with a therapist must be established no later than the start of this course. A current criminal record check may be required by sites providing clinical practice (see Criminal Records Check policy). Practicum sites may require students to be immunized, including for COVID-19, prior to starting their placement. *More hours may be required in cases where a student fails a practicum experience, at discretion of Department Chair or designate. Students can receive no more than one fail in their performance in a practicum. A practicum placement is considered to be failed when a grade of unsatisfactory is assigned by the clinical supervisor in any of these categories: (1) supervision, (2) counselling skills, (3) professional conduct. If a second practicum receives a failing grade in any of the three categories named above, the student will receive a failing grade in the Counselling Practicum course. This will mean the student will be unable to complete the degree requirements. This course is graded on a pass/fail basis; a final grade of 'S' (satisfactory) or 'F' (failure) will be assigned.

COUNSELLING PRACTICUM (ART THERAPY) [PPSYC5878]

■6 credits

■Prerequisite: Enrollment in MPS-AT or PMATD

■Prerequisites:

PPSYC581 Intro Psychotherapy and Spirituality

PPSYC583 Professional Ethics

PPSYC585 Basic Psychotherapy Skills

PPSYC5841 Intro Art Therapy or CATS521 Art Therapy

PPSYC5830 Theories/Art Therapy Studio Training Group I

PPSYC584 Theories of Counselling and Psychotherapy

Students may not engage in a practicum prior to commencing this course. Potential practicum placements are identified for students in consultation with the Department Chair or designate as part of their advising sessions prior to the course beginning. Practicum placements will be at Canadian practicum sites and residency in Canada is required. Often interviews are conducted and placements secured months prior to the first day of class.

This 6-credit practicum course consists of 700 hours in total, *300 of which are direct client contact, plus 60 hours of clinical supervision. The practicum placements may be at two or more sites, and should be arranged so as to meet the student's desired Professional Association membership requirements. The practicum course will begin with five days of instruction on-site at the College, followed by monthly engagement in online topic-based modules over the course of one year. At the conclusion of the first 150 hours, students will write a process report that reflects on their clinical work with a specific client. At the conclusion of the final 150 hours, students will write an integrative paper. After successful completion of all practicum coursework (including practicum hours and supervision) students will be credited with 25 clinical supervision hours for this course. Students must complete all 300 direct client contact practicum hours within two years of course start date; if hours are not completed by that date, students may be required, at the discretion of the Department Chair or designate, to re-enroll in the Counselling Practicum course (both intensive and online) on an audit basis. Practicum supervisors for AT students are approved and appointed by the College. Counselling experience a student may have obtained prior to entrance into the program will not be considered or count toward, practicum hours. To fulfill the Program corequisite of personal therapy, a relationship with a therapist must be established no later than the start of this course. A current criminal record check may be required by sites providing clinical practice (see Criminal Records Check policy). Practicum sites may require students to be immunized, including for COVID-19, prior to starting their placement. *More hours may be required in cases where student fails a practicum experience, at

discretion of Department Chair or designate. Students can receive no more than one fail in their performance in a practicum. A practicum placement is considered to be failed when a grade of "Unsatisfactory" is assigned by the Clinical Supervisor in any of these categories: (1) Supervision, (2) Counselling Skills, (3) Professional Conduct. If a second practicum receives a failing grade in any of the three categories named above, the student will receive a failing grade in the Counselling Practicum course. This will mean the student will be unable to complete the degree requirements. This course is graded on a pass/fail basis; a final grade of 'S' (satisfactory) or 'F' (failure) will be assigned. NOTE: Clinical supervision requirements for AT students must be discussed with the Department Chair or designate prior to registering for PPSYC5878 so that art therapy students are aware of the specific requirements for clinical supervision (individual and group) in their practicum placements.