

About the Instructor

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Welcome

Welcome to our practicum seminar! In this course, you'll get to know each other within and across your cohorts, and we'll discuss what you're doing and experiencing at your practicum sites. I look forward to hearing each of you reflect on your experiences and grow in your skills and confidence as we progress through the course. I hope that this course gives you a supportive space in which to ask questions, problem-solve, and plan for your own development.

Bio

I got my PhD in school psychology in 2010, but I've known that I wanted to work with children since I was a child myself! I love this field because there is no better feeling than helping a child, their parents, or their teachers have a better understanding of what's going on and how to help.

Teaching Philosophy

I believe that learning and development as a professional start in graduate school and continue forever. I want these seminar meetings to be a time for you to check in with me and with each other, to receive supervision and support for what you're doing at practicum, and occasionally to learn something new.

Communicating with the Instructor

Please email me with simple questions and stop by my office for harder, more complex ones. If you can't make office hours, we can schedule something. I am by nature someone who likes to do a lot of things and who stays very busy, and that sometimes means that important emails get missed. ***If I ever don't get back to you within 24 hours, or by noon on Monday about something you sent over the weekend, please follow up with me.*** If you don't know what to say because it feels awkward, here's a script that you can send with the forwarded original email, "Hi Dr. McKenney, just following up on the email below!"

About the Course

Course description

Practicum in Clinical Child and School Psychology is designed to provide graduate students an opportunity to develop and practice their professional skills under the supervision of experienced psychologists in the schools and other systems that provide services to children, adolescents, and their families. By applying methods and techniques of psychology to specific problems typically referred to psychologists in these settings, students are encouraged to integrate the systematic knowledge gained from their formal academic training. Appropriately credentialed psychologists and mental

health professionals who have special competencies and are employed by the schools and other community agencies serve as supervisors and role models for students.

Practicum training is individually arranged and monitored by the program director who serves as the university practicum coordinator. To the greatest extent possible, a variety of factors are considered when student practicum placements are made, which include: course requirements related to practicum, individual student training needs, geographic location relative to the student's home, and the student's plans for future internship or job placement. **If a student has a particular preference for a practicum site, they should discuss their preference with the program director at least two months prior to the semester of their placement.**

Please note that attending practicum requires access to reliable transportation around the STL and Metro East regions.

Required Hours

Students are required to take a minimum of 7 semester hours of practicum for the Master of Science degree and an additional 4 semester hours for the Specialist Degree. Students typically enroll for 2 semester hours of practicum per semester throughout their program. The usual schedule is 6 clock hours on-site per week with a total of 90 hours per semester being required for 2 credit hours (45 hours onsite for 1 semester hour of credit.) Students in the School Track spend the majority, if not all, of their practicum in school settings while students in the Clinical Child Track spend the majority, if not all, of their practicum in clinical settings.

This semester, students need to complete two semesters of practicum credit, for **a total of 90 hours**.

To reach the total number of hours needed in a semester, students may do any of the following:

- Accrue up to 10 hours by listening to podcasts and/or watching online webinars/modules that are relevant to Clinical Child and School Psychology (podcasts, webinars, and modules assigned for courses other than this practicum seminar cannot count toward practicum hours; podcasts and readings assigned by your practicum supervisor – including for PACE – can count)
- Attending professional development events, such as program PD's, ISPA, or NASP (Up to 8 hours spent in informational sessions)

Despite the number of hours generated by the above activities, students are expected to set out a weekly schedule for practicum attendance with their supervisors at the beginning of the semester, and to honor that commitment until the agreed upon end date. It is not acceptable for students to stop attending practicum prior to the agreed upon end date simply because they have achieved the required number of hours.

Evaluation

Representative NASP and ISBE standards have been selected for each semester (fall, spring and summer of years 1 and 2) to correspond with respective coursework that they are taking that semester. In other words, each semester has prescribed standards that the students are rated on with respective activities, some of which are linked to course requirements.

These standards are reflected in the practicum evaluation forms that are on separate survey websites for each semester, and which can be reviewed via the links provided in the SIUE CCS Practicum Guidance Document.

Course goals and objectives

- Develop an awareness of and an appreciation for the cultural diversity of children and adolescents in our communities.

- Develop an understanding of responsiveness to the special needs of children and adolescents with mental health needs and/or disabilities.
- Develop knowledge of the available school and community resources for those school aged persons who have needs.
- Develop knowledge of the roles, responsibilities, and functions of various professionals who work in schools, local mental health agencies, and the healthcare system.
- Develop knowledge and appreciation for the roles and the functions of school and community-based mental health providers.
- To integrate skills acquired through course work and training.

Course textbooks

Joyce-Beaulieu, D., & Rossen, E. (2015). *The School Psychology Practicum and Internship Handbook*. Springer.

In addition, students are recommended to have a desk reference copy of the *DSM-5-TR* and the *American Psychological Association Publication Manual, 7th Edition*.

Course requirements

Course activities/assessments

Please see the syllabus for the list of course readings and when they are due. Reading materials will be posted on the Teams page, under practicum readings.

1st years – Credentialing assignment

When it is noted on the course calendar, students should complete Questions 2, 4, 5, and 6 on p. 233 of the *School Psychology in Global Society* textbook used for the Seminar in School Psychology course. Responses should be typed, approximately one paragraph per item, with reasonable attempts at providing accurate references for the relevant state statutes being cited when relevant. Use of generative AI is prohibited on this assignment (your brain is the one that needs to learn how to read state statutes).

2nd years - Organizational culture assignment

Approximately mid-way through the semester, students will interview their practicum supervisor and reflect on their responses. They will then type their written responses to each prompt and turn them in in-class. Additional information about how to complete this assignment is provided within the assignment document, on Teams. Use of generative AI is prohibited on this assignment (if your supervisor is that hard to get ahold of, you should let me know).

Practicum Reflection Activities

Three times during the semester, as directed on the syllabus, students will complete the Practicum Reflection Form that is available via “Posts” on the Practicum channel of the SIUE CCS program Teams page.

Grades

There are 300 points available in this course.

150 points are based on practicum evaluations, 50 points are available for the credentialing/organizational culture assignment, 60 points are available for completing the Practicum Reflection activities (20 points each), and 40 points are assigned for participation and attendance at assigned practicum meetings.

Each assignment must be completed at a satisfactory level or higher for students to receive a passing grade in the course.

Course Averages

A = 92.5% or above = 277.4 points or above

B = 84% to 92% = 250.4 points to 277.3 points

C = 77.5% to 83% = 232.4 points to 250.3 points

D = 193 points and below

Instructor, Departmental, and University Policies

Instructor Policies

Online materials. Some program materials, such as the Program Manual and the Practicum Guidance Document, are available via the SIUE CCS Teams page. Please familiarize yourself with Teams and check the page regularly for updates.

Communication. All students must have an SIUE email address to participate fully in this course, as email will be used to communicate information regarding seminar meetings, readings, meetings with you and your supervisors, and timelines for conducting end of semester evaluations.

Academic Engagement. Being engaged in this course includes checking Teams regularly and being prepared to discuss class materials. During group discussions, you are expected to listen attentively to peers, attempt to understand their points before sharing your own, and respect the human dignity of your peers. Dissent is welcome, but it is not acceptable to introduce or defend points that dehumanize your peers. Shared humanity recognizes equal access to well-being, liberty, and opportunity/property; therefore, arguments that individuals within one socially constructed group have greater entitlement to well-being, liberty, or opportunity/property than others, on the sole basis of membership in that group, are not allowed, and will result in removal from the discussion. As a point of reference, if you are forcing one or more peers to “prove” that they are equally entitled to your basic rights, then you are dehumanizing them, and such behavior is not tolerated in this course.

Students with Accommodations. I have endeavored to create a syllabus, online resources, and classroom environment that are accessible to learners using assistive devices and other learners with disabilities. If you are a learner with a disability and come across a resource, assignment, or task that is not accessible, please let me know of it as soon as possible so that I can take steps to correct it and/or find a more suitable alternative.

APA Format in Written Work. Students are expected to be familiar and/or to familiarize themselves with APA standards for citations and references, per the **7th edition** of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. Please ensure that you have access to this text at any time that you may need it during the semester.

*****A lack of knowledge of appropriate citation and referencing format will not excuse you from point deductions from written assignments or disciplinary action in the case of plagiarism.*****

If you would like additional instruction in the use of APA format, please arrange to speak with me, or seek out the resources described below.

Students who require additional assistance in writing in the areas of grammar and/or organization are strongly encouraged to seek out additional assistance from outside sources to assist in improving their ability to revise their written work. University-based services for assisting students with professional writing include the Writing Center (<http://www.siu.edu/IS/WRITING/index.html>), which also provides workshops in APA style.

Department Policies

The Psychology Department's Policy on Withdrawals and Incompletes

All withdrawals must be completed by the end of the 13th week of classes during fall and spring, and by a similarly late date (i.e., before 82% of class meetings have occurred) in any summer term. Grades that apply to students who initiate a withdrawal and grades that apply when a student fails to officially withdraw within established deadlines are determined by university policy (see <http://www.siue.edu/policies/1j1.shtml>). The granting of a grade of I (Incomplete) is not automatic. It is available only in cases when a student has completed most of the work required for a class but is prevented by a medical or similar emergency from completing a small portion of the coursework before the deadline for grade submission. An I must be approved by the instructor with appropriate documentation provided by the student. If an instructor agrees to give a student an I, the instructor will fill out a Memorandum of Incomplete Grade to be kept with the student's records. If the work is not completed by the time specified on the Memorandum, the student's grade will be changed from an I to F.

The Psychology Department's Writing Policy. As a student in this course, you will be expected to display graduate-level writing, which includes completing course assignments that meet the following basic writing criteria. Specifically, all written assignments completed for this course should include:

- clear transitions from sentence to sentence and idea to idea (e.g., paper is organized/flows well);
- verb tense consistency;
- clear and unambiguous sentences and ideas;
- writing that is free of typos, spelling errors, and major grammatical errors;
- properly formatted citations and references, per *the 7th edition* of the APA manual.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of basic writing skills, but will give you an idea of what we are looking for in our papers. If you feel you need help with your writing, you are encouraged to seek assistance from the writing center on campus (<http://www.siue.edu/is/writing>) or use one of the many online resources they have identified to help students (<http://www.siue.edu/is/writing/resources.shtml>). If your graded written assignments fail to meet the basic writing requirements listed above (and any others found to be appropriate by your instructor), the instructor will stop the grading process and return the paper to you (see below for the specific policy for this class).

The penalty for unacceptable writing in this class is as follows: if your written assignment violates any of the above stipulations, or is otherwise inconsistent with the stated expectations for a written assignment, it will be returned to you for resubmission, and 50% of the total available points will be deducted from the final grade assigned after resubmission.

The Psychology Department's Policy on Plagiarism. Plagiarism includes presenting someone else's words without quotation marks (even if you cite the source), presenting someone else's ideas without citing that source, or presenting one's own previous work as though it were new. When paraphrasing from another source or your own work, at the very least, the student should change the wording, sentence syntax, and order of ideas presented in the paper. Additionally, you should not submit a paper, or parts of a paper, written to fulfill the requirements of one class for the requirements in another class without prior approval of the current instructor and appropriate citation. Ideally, the student will integrate ideas from multiple sources while providing critical commentary on the topic in a way that clearly identifies whether words and ideas are those of the student or are from another source. Plagiarism is one type of academic misconduct described in SIUE's Student Academic Code (<http://www.siue.edu/policies/3c2.shtml>). University policy states that "Normally a student who plagiarizes shall receive a grade of F in the course in which the act occurs. The offense shall also be reported to the Provost." (<http://www.siue.edu/policies/1i6.shtml>). The University policy discusses additional academic sanctions including suspension and expulsion from the University. To insure that you understand

how to avoid plagiarism, we encourage you to review the information on plagiarism provided on the Department of Psychology web page at <http://www.siue.edu/education/psychology/plagiarism.shtml>.

In addition, it is expressly prohibited for students to work together on, review, or look at each other's homework, papers, or presentations for this class.

University Policies

Academic integrity/plagiarism

Students are reminded that the expectations and academic standards outlined in the [Student Academic Code \(3C2\)](#) apply to all courses, field experiences and educational experiences at the University, regardless of modality or location. Plagiarism is the use of another person's words or ideas without crediting that person. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated and may lead to failure on an assignment, in the class, or dismissal from the University, per the [SIUE academic dishonesty policy](#). Students are responsible for complying with University policies about academic honesty as stated in the [University's Student Academic Conduct Code](#).

University guidance on artificial intelligence (AI)

Unless expressly allowed by the instructor, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools and applications (including ChatGPT, DALL-E, and others) to produce content for course assignments and assessments is a violation of SIUE's academic policy and is prohibited.

Technology requirements and capabilities

Technical requirements for students can be found in this [ITS KnowledgeBase article](#). Additional resources for learning with technology can be found on the [Online at SIUE site](#).

Technical Support

Contact ITS at [618-650-5500](tel:618-650-5500) or at help@siue.edu with any technical concerns. You can also check the functionality of University systems, including Blackboard, at the [ITS System Status page](#), or search the [ITS KnowledgeBase](#) for various how-to and troubleshooting guides.

University policies and guidance that address teaching, learning, and student support services are available at:

<https://kb.siue.edu/132378> Students are encouraged to visit this resource site for current information on:

- Regular and Substantive Interaction
- Recordings of Class Content
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Pregnancy and Newly Parenting Policy
- Services for Students Needing Accommodations (ACCESS)
- Academic and Other Student Services (Library, Academic Success, Tutoring, etc.)
- Cougar Care
- Student Success Coaches

Subject to change notice

All material, assignments, and deadlines are subject to change with prior notice. It is your responsibility to stay in touch with your instructor, review the course site regularly, or communicate with other students, to adjust as needed if assignments or due dates change.

Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Attendance	Readings and Assignments Due
Week 1 8/25	Introduction to practicum	All	Review practicum guidance document on Teams (in Practicum channel, Misc folder)
Week 2 9/1	Preparing for second year	Second year	Review Program Manual on Teams (General channel), review Beaulieu-Joyce & Rossen Chp. 2, bring questions about second year to class
Week 3 9/8	Preparing for practicum	First Year	Beaulieu-Joyce & Rossen Chps. 1 & 2
Week 4 9/15	No meeting		
Week 5 9/22	NASP Site Visit Preparation	All	
Week 6 CCS Program Event National Association of School Psychologists Site Visit		This visit will be Monday, September 28 and the site visitors will want to meet you! Please hold space on your calendar from 2 pm – 5 pm, and plan to meet with them <i>in person</i> . The exact time and campus location will be confirmed ASAP.	
Week 7 10/6	No meeting		
Week 8 10/13	Intro to Professional Identity Discussion Receive credentialing assignment or organizational culture assignment	All	Listen to <i>Black Men in School Psychology</i> podcast episode #12: Changing Perspectives on Where Black Males fit in School Psychology
Week 9 10/20	Professional Identity, cont'd: Supervisory relationships	First Year	Reynolds et al., 2019 1 st year practicum reflection due 9 am
Week 10 10/27	Professional Identity, cont'd: Identity as a Practitioner	Second Year	Listen to <i>Black Men in School Psychology</i> podcast episode #4: Intersectionality as a Black Male Practitioner 2 nd year practicum reflection due 9 am

Week 11 11/3	Election Day - No meeting		
Week 12 11/10	Professional Identity, cont'd: Imposter Phenomenon and Resilience	First Year	Palmer, 2021; Wiegand et al., 2021 1 st year practicum reflection due 9 am Submit credentialing assignment
Week 13 11/17	Professional Identity, cont'd: Identity and Advocacy	Second Year	Listen to <i>Black Men in School Psychology</i> podcast episode #12: Getting Into "Good Trouble" When Advocating for Black Students 2 nd year practicum reflection due 9 am Submit organizational culture assignment
Thanksgiving Break			
Week 14 12/1	Professional identity, cont'd: Credentialing and portfolio evaluation	Second Year	Beaulieu-Joyce & Rossen Chp. 3 2 nd year practicum reflection due 9 am
Week 15 12/8	Professional identity, cont'd: Peer mentoring and peer supervision	First Year	Beaulieu-Joyce & Rossen Chp. 4 1 st year practicum reflection due 9 am
Week 16 12/15	No meeting; Ensure that your rating of your practicum site is completed online, and that your supervisors have completed the appropriate Fall evaluation on Qualtrics		
CCS Program Event		Fall Graduation for 2 nd years receiving their M.S. in Clinical Child and School Psychology! Friday, December 18 th	