

**Analysis of MSCP Mental Health Counseling Practicum-Internship
Orientation Evaluation 2012**

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The annual Practicum-Internship Orientation was held April 12, 2012 at the Ching Conference Center. There were 23 evaluation forms (see attached form) collected from the 23 Mental Health Counseling Emphasis student attendees (100% response rate). The students were asked to rate each item on a 1 to 5 Likert scale as follows: 1 = Strongly Disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Uncertain; 4 = Agree; 5 = Strongly Agree. The following results were obtained from the SPSS question by question analysis of the data.

- 1. The orientation was presented in an informative and clear manner.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.60, SD = .499. Nine students (39%) rated it "4" and 14 students (61%) rated it "5".
- 2. Important points were clearly explained during orientation.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.65, SD = .486. Eight students (35%) rated it "4" and 15 students (65%) rated it "5".
- 3. The number of hours required for Practicum and Internship were clearly stated.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average score was 4.91, SD = .288. Two students (9%) rated this item "4" and 21 students (91%) rated it "5".
- 4. The difference between administrative and direct contact hours was clearly explained.** A total of 23 students answered this question. The average response was 4.74, SD = .540. One student (4%) rated it "3", 4 students (17%) rated it "4" and 18 students (78%) rated it "5".
- 5. I had the opportunity to ask questions during orientation.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.78, SD = .421. Five students (22%) rated it "4" and 18 students (78%) rated it "5".
- 6. The process of Site Selection was clearly explained during orientation.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.65, SD = .487. Eight students (35%) rated it "4" and 15 students (65%) rated it "5".
- 7. The requirement to notify the Internship Director if there were ANY problems was clearly stated during orientation.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.78, SD = .423. Five students (22%) rated it "4" and 18 students (78%) rated it "5".
- 8. The requirement of submitting proof of insurance and agency contract for approval PRIOR to starting was clearly stated.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.87, SD = .344. Three students (13%) rated it "4" and 20 students (87%) rated it "5".

- 9. The roles of Internship Director, Clinical Director, Site Supervisor and Course Instructor were clearly explained.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.70, SD = .470. Seven students (30%) rated it “4” and 16 students (70%) rated it “5”.
- 10. Overall, I am satisfied with the Practicum-Internship Orientation.** A total of 23 students answered this item. The average response was 4.70, SD = .559. One student (4%) rated it “3”, 5 students (22%) rated it “4” and 17 students (74%) rated it “5”.

Ninety six percent of the students either agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with the orientation. It is uncertain why this was not 100% as only one other item (Item #4) held a “3” response from one student, whereas 78% of students responded with a “5” on that particular item. Therefore, why Item #10 received one “3” response is not reflected in the remaining scores.

One possible explanation for the one “3” response on Item #10 could be that there was very little time left at the end of the Orientation for students to ask questions. There was another group waiting to access Ching Conference Center at 5 p.m. and we had to end the questions session to evacuate the space for the waiting group.

By extending the overall length of the orientation to one and one-half hours next year it will give an additional 10 to 15 minutes at the end of the orientation for students to ask questions. However, the overall Orientation was successful and there does not appear to be a need for any changes in the overall content or presentation of the Orientation at this time.

Practicum-Internship Orientation Evaluation 2012

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Please use the following scale to rate each of these components of the orientation:

Strongly Disagree Disagree Uncertain Agree Strongly Agree
1-----2-----3-----4-----5

- 1. The orientation was presented in an informative and clear manner. _____**
- 2. Important points were clearly explained during orientation. _____**
- 3. The numbers of hours required for Practicum and Internship were clearly stated during the orientation. _____**
- 4. The difference between administrative and direct contact hours was clearly stated during orientation. _____**
- 5. I had the opportunity to ask questions during orientation. _____**
- 6. The process of Site Selection was clearly explained during orientation. _____**
- 7. The requirement to notify the Internship Director if there were ANY problems was clearly stated during orientation. _____**
- 8. The requirement of submitting proof of insurance and agency contract for approval PRIOR to starting was clearly stated. _____**
- 9. The roles of Internship Director, Clinical Director, Site Supervisor and Course Instructor were clearly explained. _____**
- 10. Overall, I am satisfied with the Practicum-Internship Orientation. _____**

Please use back of this form for any comments you would like to make regarding the Practicum-Internship Orientation. Thank you!