

PRACTICUM IN PSYCHOLOGY

(PSY 4030)

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

The Practicum in Psychology aims to foster the development of its undergraduates by extending their scholarly psychological education through application of knowledge and skills obtained for the purpose of community engagement and social responsibility in a supervised independent learning context. The Practicum in Psychology is a three credit-hour independent study opportunity for upper-level Psychology majors. The program allows students to gain experience that is directly relevant to their field of psychology, including human factors, health psychology, human services, industrial/organizational psychology, clinical psychology, animal behavior, developmental psychology, and forensic psychology. Students may volunteer in local agencies, private organizations, local government, hospitals, government laboratories, businesses, or industries. The course is intended to be more than a volunteer for credit arrangement; students are expected to relate their practicum experiences to their academic program (most often in a journal that is due during finals week). A student who wants to complete a practicum is responsible for finding a practicum site and practicum supervisor. Dr. Schiml is the primary practicum supervisor and can provide guidance in locating an appropriate site. The Department of Psychology has established relationships with several sites, but students are free to research and develop other sites and opportunities as well.

Requirements to register:

- Completion of PSY 3010 and 3020 and completion of one course Psychology course in a field of psychology relevant to the chosen site.
- Approval form agreement signed by site supervisor (Independent Study Approval Form) and the faculty supervisor

Faculty supervisors:

- Dr. Patricia Schiml, patricia.schiml@wright.edu
- Dr. Robert Gordon, robert.gordon@wright.edu (experiences within a clinical setting)

The practicum faculty supervisor is responsible for setting practicum requirements and submitting a final grade. Grading is pass/fail. Typically, students will spend 100-120 hours over the course of the semester (approximately 7-9 hours/week) in the workplace during the practicum. Expected activities and the work schedule should be approved by the practicum site supervisor and the practicum faculty supervisor. The faculty supervisor may require other activities to enhance the experience; most practica have a journal requirement (due during finals week). Other requirements may include readings, annotated bibliography, activity log, literature review, or site-specific trainings.

Practicum Independent Study Approval Form (PSY 4030 – 3 credit hours)

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Please give this “Practicum” white form and a green Registration Slip to Dr. Schiml for signature

Assignments must be completed prior to Final’s Week.

Registration Information:

Year _____ Semester: Fall Spring Summer A B C

General Information: The Practicum Independent Study Program provides opportunity for psychology majors with advanced standing to be exposed to a real-life work environment to gain valuable experience relevant to their program of study. Typically, students will have completed a core course in the general topic area, PSY 3010 and 3020. It is the responsibility of the student to find a volunteer site that fits into his/her academic program. Some relevant fields of study in psychology may include human factors, health psychology, human services, industrial/organizational psychology, and social psychology. Students may work at local agencies, private organizations, local government, hospitals, government laboratories, business, or industries. *The Practicum Course can be taken twice for credit.*

Instructions: This form must be completed and signed by the student; the practicum site supervisor; and lastly by Dr. Patricia Schiml, the Practicum Faculty Supervisor for the Department of Psychology at Wright State University. Please return this completed Practicum Form and a green Registration Form to Dr. Patricia Schiml for signature before you register for the course. The Practicum is a pass/unsatisfactory grade.

Student Information:

Student Name (PRINT): _____ UID: _____
Email: _____ PH #: _____
Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Describe Practicum Activities:

Practicum Site Supervisor Only:

Organization: _____ Date: _____
Supervisor Name (PRINT): _____ Phone No.: _____
Supervisor Signature: _____

PSY Office Use Only: Dr. Patricia Schiml, Practicum Faculty Supervisor

Date: _____
Signature: _____