



**BHS 320 Practicum (3)  
Fall 2000**

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**Required Text**

Baird, Brian N. 1999 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. *The Internship, Practicum, and Field Placement Handbook: A Guide for the Helping Professions*. New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

**Course Description**

A supervised practical experience with a community or social agency related to the student's interest and/or future plans. Readings, written assignments and group meetings will help students reflect on and integrate knowledge with practical experience.

**Objectives**

- Students are to volunteer 3-5 hours per week over a 10 week period
- Establish learning and personal goals for supervised practicum experience
- Begin to integrate theoretical issues in psychology and sociology with practical knowledge
- Gain valuable work experience

**Course Schedule**

Sept. 11 – Preparing for your practicum and getting started (Chap. 1&2)  
Sept 18 – Ethical and Legal Issues (Chap. 3)  
Sept. 25 – Risks (Chap. 11) Support from Peers (Chap. 4)  
Oct. 2 – Working with a Supervisor (Chap. 5)

- Oct. 9 – No Class: Thanksgiving
- Oct. 16 – Appreciating Difference (Chap. 6)
- Oct. 23 – Writing and Record Keeping (Chap. 7&8)
- Oct. 30 – Dealing with Stress (Chap. 9)
- Nov. 6 – Self Care (Chap. 10)
- Nov. 13 – No Class
- Nov. 20 – Closing Cases (Chap. 12)
- Nov. 27 – Finishing the Practicum (Chap. 13)
- Dec. 4 – Frustrations, lessons, Discoveries (Chap. 14)

**Course Requirements and Grading**

1. Written Assignment (35%) (Due November 27)  
 Students will write a five-page paper that applies some theoretical/methodological issues that relates to their practicum.
2. Completed Evaluation Form by Supervisor (35%) (Due before December 15)
3. Participation in Class Discussions (10%)
4. Self Evaluation Form and Journal (20%) Due December 8  
 Hand in your journal at the end of the term. It should contain a record of your activities and personal experiences. Also, complete and hand in the self-evaluation form.

**Grade Assignments**

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| 96-100 | A+ | 68-71 | C+ |
| 91-95  | A  | 63-67 | C  |
| 86-90  | A- | 60-62 | C- |
| 82-85  | B+ | 56-59 | D+ |
| 75-81  | B  | 50-55 | D  |
| 72-74  | B- |       |    |

**Important Notes**

- The last day to withdraw from this course and still receive a refund is September 29, 2000.
- The last day to withdraw from the class without academic penalty is November 10, 2000.