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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM DISPOSITION DOCUMENT

The School Psychology candidate demonstrates appropriate professional and interpersonal behaviors consistent with being a school psychologist by:

- Adhering to ethical standards. The candidate demonstrates a basic understanding of NASP and APA professional standards and works towards meeting those standards.
- Accepts and responds professionally to constructive criticism. The candidate is able to accept and follow through on constructive criticism. The candidate shows evidence of continued self-evaluation.
- Understanding and maintaining confidentiality. The candidate understands and respects the need for confidentiality.
- Maintaining a professional distance from the children. The candidate establishes and maintains appropriate boundaries.
- Modeling high-level communication skills. The candidate is conscious of the manner in which he/she communicates with his/her site supervisor, teachers, children, parents, staff and administrators, both in his/her speech and in all written communications. The candidate presents him/herself as a professional school psychology candidate even in situations that may be difficult or stressful.
- Treating all children and families with respect. The candidate adheres to professional standards in respecting individual diversity and culturally competent practice.
- Understanding the culture of the school and community environment. The candidate recognizes the importance of the working within the larger school and community context.
- Taking initiative in the educational field placement. The candidate seeks opportunities to advocate for appropriate experiences in field-based placements that go beyond what is required of them.
- Respecting school rules and regulations. The candidate understands that he/she is a role model for students, parents, teachers, and administrators.
- Establishing appropriate work priorities, managing time efficiently, and attending to details. The candidate completes work in a timely manner, has good organization skills, and the ability to maintain attention to the details needed in the job.
- Punctuality and accountability. The candidate understands the professional obligation to notify appropriate personnel in the event of an absence or unavoidable delay. The candidate must fulfill all commitments within an appropriate time frame.
- Dressing appropriately. The candidate dresses and presents him/herself in a professional manner.