The internship course in School Psychology is designed to support and assist the student in successful completion of the internship. The components of the internship plan will delineate all areas of performance that must be completed in order to become certified as a school psychologist.

The doctoral internship is the final component in completing the Ph.D. program which includes a dissertation, portfolio, competency benchmarks and the NCSP exam. The Loyola portion of the internship is collaborative with the approved internship site and is meant as a support and resource to meet this goal.

Since interns are placed throughout the state and country internship classes will be held online using the ZOOM platform. Each semester we will meet 2 times. Other contacts will be as needed. The instructor is available to assist the intern in successful completion of all phases of the internship.

Individual internship requirements will be set by the internship site if APA approved and collaboratively by the intern site supervisor and university supervisor if intern is in a non APA approved site.

IDEA Outcomes:

1. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
2. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course
3. Acquiring skills in working with others as a member of a team.
4. Learning appropriate methods for collecting, analyzing and interpreting numerical information.

Objectives:
1. The candidate will demonstrate knowledge of research design and effective use of statistics and data analysis.
2. The candidate will use this data to develop evidence based interventions to improve student performance.

Dispositions:

Dispositions will be assessed each semester according to the forms available in the Student Handbook. The purpose of assessing dispositions include, professionalism, inquiry and social justice.

**Electronic Communication Policies and Guidelines**

The School of Education faculty, students and staff respect each other’s rights, privacy and access to electronic resources, services, and communications while in the pursuit of academic and professional growth, networking and research. All members of the university community are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of integrity, communication, and responsibility while accessing and utilizing technology, information resources, and computing facilities. A link to the Loyola University Chicago and School of Education official policies and guidelines can be found at:

http://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/education/pdfs/SOE_Cyberbullying_Policy.pdf


**KNOWLEDGE BASE**

The Loyola University program of studies in School Psychology is designed to prepare students to assess, consult and design behavioral and cognitive science instructional interventions. Prior to pursuing the
The intern is expected to have a basic knowledge base related to a wide range of psychological and cognitive assessment instruments as well as curriculum based measurement and using problem solving procedures to address educational questions. The intern is expected to be able to administer these instruments and to craft a clearly articulated written reports. The intern is also expected to be able to provide counseling services to school age children and youths. During the internship, the intern is expected to increase his/her familiarity with the literature and to keep abreast of developments in the field. This will be accomplished through readings and attendance at professional seminars and workshops during the year. Specific activities are included in the internship plan.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:

The School of Education conceptual framework is: Social Action Through Education. As School Psychology interns, your experiences this year will require you to put this statement into action in your practice within the schools, with parents and the community partners. Utilizing the constructs of ethical practice you will strive to meet these goals. Our conceptual framework of the School of Education

- www.luc.edu/education/mission/

DISPOSITION

Professional demeanor, suitability for practice and attitude with which the candidate approaches others, learning instruction and the profession will be assessed with the consequences of such conduct influencing successful course completion and program continuation.

Dispositions will be assessed each semester according to the forms available in the Student Handbook. Professionalism, Inquiry and Social Justice are all areas which will be assessed in this course.

PLAGIARISM
It is important to reiterate the policy of Loyola University regarding plagiarism. The following is an excerpt from information shared by The English Department and should serve as a reminder to all students.

Definition:
Plagiarism is the intentional or unintentional appropriation of ideas, language, or work of another without sufficient acknowledgement that the material is not one’s own. Although, it is generally recognized that everything an individual has thought has probably been influenced to some degree by the previously expressed thoughts and actions of others and that therefore no thought can be purely original, such influences are general ones, affecting an entire way of seeing things and expressing thoughts. Plagiarism, however, involves the taking of specific words or ideas of others without proper acknowledgement.

Some students seem to believe that there are different degrees of plagiarism, some of which are not as a bad as others…(I) wish to make clear that there are no distinctions between…
1. Copying from a published source without proper documentation.
2. Purchasing a pre-written paper.
3. Letting someone else write a paper for you or paying someone to do so,
4. Submitting as your own someone else’s unpublished work, either with or without permission.

Professionalism

An important component of an internship is to prepare for entry into the profession. During the last several years in classroom and field experiences you have begun to develop important skills which will prepare you for your career. An important component of being a school psychologist is professional behavior. Over the year long internship you will have a number of opportunities to demonstrate this within your district and within the requirements of this class. This include turning in all assignments on the date required, attending class on time, being prompt in response to emails and to requests within your district. They also include accuracy in reporting and honesty in all aspects of your performance in class and on site.
Syllabus Addendum Link
* www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/

This link directs students to statements on essential policies regarding academic honesty, accessibility, ethics line reporting and electronic communication policies and guidelines. We ask that you read each policy carefully.

This link will also bring you to the full text of our conceptual framework that guides the work of the School of Education – Social Action through Education.

ADDITIONAL READINGS:


COMMUNICATION WITH INTERNSHIP SITE:
Email communication with the internship sites includes an initial email of introduction which includes the internship plan and the course syllabus. Zoom meetings are held with the supervisor 1 time each semester and additional communication when necessary. Quarterly evaluations are completed by the sites and sent to the University where they are archived. The final evaluation is discussed with the supervisor and candidate.

ISPIC INTERNS:

The interns that are attending ISPIC sites will follow the requirements as delineated by the ISPIC supervisor. Those requirements align with the Loyola University School of Education Ph.D. Program in School Psychology’s goals and are included below:

**PWC 1: RESEARCH**

Presents workshop, in-service, or course
- Include relevant research & consider diversity issues
- Evaluate participant satisfaction/outcomes
- Evaluate your own presentation in a narrative paragraph
- Uses power point to organize and deliver information (Competency 11)

Completes Research Project (e.g., question raised by administration; could be associated with committee work or prevention/early intervention project)
- Report Format
  - Literature Review
  - Research questions
  - Sample
  - Methods
  - Findings/results
  - Recommendations
- Present project to relevant audience

**PWC 2: ETHICS**

Completes Ethics Project (format in training manual)

**PWC 3: INDIVIDUAL & CULTURAL DIVERSITY**

Engages in two immersion activities to explore a diverse perspective (See list of examples); activity intended to better understand obstacles experienced by minority persons (individuals with disability/disorder, who are not heterosexual, Caucasian, middle-class, Judeo-Christian, young, male, etc).
- Describe the experience
- Reflect on what you learned and how it might inform your practice
Presents case to cohort highlighting diversity; consult diverse mentor/literature/professionals of other disciplines
  - Follow more detailed case presentation format in orientation packet
    - Relevant Client Characteristics
    - Presenting Problem
    - Previous Research
    - Treatment
    - Evaluation

Provides services to families
  - Describe the project and its outcomes
  - Discuss relevant research
  - Address issues of diversity; consult with diverse mentor as needed
  - Describe your involvement

**PWC 4: PROFESSIONAL VALUES, ATTITUDES, & BEHAVIORS**

Completes Cultural Self-Awareness Project (Separate hand-out)

Leadership Project
  - Identifies an area of professional practice you would like to focus on
  - Makes steps toward becoming more active in that area (e.g. join a committee or listserv, seek out a mentor, submit a presentation proposal, contact a legislator)
  - Provides a paragraph about your choice, what you initiated, and how you envision developing a leadership role in the future.

**PWC 5: COMMUNICATION & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

Leads a problem-solving team
  - Supervisor observes and completes feedback checklist
  - Respond to supervisor’s evaluation
  - Self-evaluate effectiveness

**PWC 6: ASSESSMENT**

Completes Traditional Initial Evaluations and/or Reevaluations
  - Assessment of individual with academic problems (could have other areas)
  - Explore all areas of suspected disability
  - Utilize standardized instruments (with satisfactory reliability and validity) to evaluate cognitive functioning, academic achievement, and learning/processing (as measured by a neuropsychological instrument)
  - Analyze the match between the learning environment and learner characteristics; (see chart for assessing learning environment in training manual)
Consider individual or cultural factors; consult with mentor or literature as needed
Reflect appropriate degree of integration from multiple methods, sources, and informants
Demonstrate a link between the findings and empirically-supported interventions provided as recommendations
Articulate assessment process and findings in a manner that is understandable for the intended audience

Completes “Response to Intervention” Evaluations

- Assessment of individual with academic problems (could have other areas)
- Monitor progress and chart using technology (Competency 11)
- Document lack of response to intervention and intensity of interventions warranting specially-designed instruction
- Provide evidence of empirically-supported treatment
- Articulate the relationship between the intervention implemented and the data gathered
- Provide evidence of treatment integrity
- Make comparisons to typically-developing peers
- Complete a functional assessment of the learner within the instructional environment (see chart for assessing learning environment in training manual)
- Consider individual or cultural factors; consult with mentor or literature as needed
- Reflect appropriate degree of integration from multiple methods, sources, and informants
- Demonstrate a link between the findings and empirically-supported interventions provided as recommendations
- Articulate assessment process and findings in a manner that is understandable for the intended audience

Completes personality assessment involving differential diagnosis

- Assessment of individual with social-emotional problem
- Demonstrate knowledge of psychopathology and psychopharmacology
- Consider individual or cultural factors; consult diverse mentor/literature
- Reflect appropriate degree of integration from multiple methods, sources, and informants
- Provide DSM 5-axes diagnoses
- Demonstrate a link between the findings and empirically-supported interventions provided as recommendations
- Articulate assessment process and findings in a manner that is understandable for the intended audience

**PWC 7: INTERVENTION**

Utilizes empirically-supported academic interventions
Choice A: Document a client-centered consultation involving an empirically-supported academic intervention

- Explain activities involved in negotiating the contract and establishing a cooperative relationship
- Consider impact of individual/cultural diversity; consult diverse mentor/literature as needed
- Report on:
  - Background information
  - Description of the problem
  - Problem analysis
  - Intervention plan
  - Plan evaluation
  - Summary/recommendations

Choice B: Document a case study you conducted involving an empirically supported academic intervention

- Follow more detailed case presentation format in orientation packet
  - Relevant Client Characteristics
  - Presenting Problem
  - Previous Research
  - Treatment
  - Evaluation

Utilizes empirically-supported behavioral interventions

Choice A: Document a client-centered consultation involving an empirically-supported behavioral intervention

- Explain activities involved in negotiating the contract and establishing a cooperative relationship
- Consider impact of individual/cultural diversity; consult diverse mentor/literature as needed
- Report on:
  - Background information
  - Description of the problem
  - Problem analysis
  - Intervention plan
  - Plan evaluation
  - Summary/recommendations

Choice B: Document a case study you conducted involving an empirically supported behavioral intervention

- Follow more detailed case presentation format in orientation packet
  - Relevant Client Characteristics
  - Presenting Problem
Conducts a skill-building group (e.g., social skills, anger management, conflict resolution, life skills)

- Identify the concerns or target behaviors of the group, population, group characteristics
- Use an empirically supported curriculum
- Consider cultural factors; consult with mentor or different discipline
- Document the effectiveness of the group
- Describe efforts to promote generalization

Utilizes empirically-supported mental health interventions

- Choice A: Document a client-centered consultation involving an empirically-supported mental health intervention
- Explain activities involved in negotiating the contract and establishing a cooperative relationship
- Consider impact of individual/cultural diversity; consult diverse mentor/literature
- Report on:
  - Background information
  - Description of the problem
  - Problem analysis
  - Intervention plan
  - Plan evaluation
  - Summary/recommendations

-OR-

- Choice B: Document a case study you conducted involving an empirically supported mental health intervention
- Follow more detailed case presentation format in orientation packet
  - Relevant Client Characteristics
  - Presenting Problem
  - Previous Research
  - Treatment
  - Evaluation

Completes “Risk of Harm” Assessment (Details to be discussed)

Conducts individual, group, and family therapy (3 separate projects)

- Identify the concerns or target behaviors of the group, population, group characteristics
- Describe relevant research and/or use an empirically supported treatment
- Document the effectiveness of the intervention
Describe efforts to promote generalization

Participates in prevention or early intervention program
- Describe the project and its outcomes
- Address issues of diversity; consult with diverse mentor as needed
- Discuss relevant research
- Describe your involvement

**PWC 8: SUPERVISION**

Completes Supervision Project
- Role plays supervision with supervisor
- Provides supervision to someone
- Develops philosophy of supervision
- Develops supervisory contract for use in future employment

**PWC 9: CONSULTATION & INTERPROFESSIONAL/INTERDISCIPLINARY SKILLS**

Completes Systems-Level Consultation Project
- Identify a systems-level problem (e.g., building, agency, district)
- Provide rationale for choosing higher level of intervention
- Explain activities undertaken to obtain entry into the system, negotiating the contract, and establishing a cooperative relationship
- Consider impact of individual/cultural diversity; consult diverse mentor/literature as needed
- Report on:
  - Background information
  - Description of the problem
  - Problem analysis
  - Intervention plan
  - Plan evaluation
  - Summary/recommendations

Actively participates on committee or administrative project
- Describe the project and its outcomes
- Discuss relevant public policy issues
- Describe your involvement