**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**SYLLABUS**

**Course Number: COUN 8920 10**

**Course Title: Internship in Counselor Education**

**Credit Hours: 9 semester hours Interns must enroll for each semester in which the internship hours are accrued.**

**Prerequisites: COUN 8910 (10 and 40); COI**

**Corequisites: None**

**1. Date Syllabus Prepared:** 1/4/09

1. **Texts or Major Resources:** None
2. **Course Description:**

The internship program is designed to provide the counselor education student with an on-the-job experience performing the duties of a counselor/counselor educator consistent with his or her career objectives. Internships are viewed as the culminating activity in degree programs, and, as such, ordinarily follow the completion of coursework and the full complement of supervised counseling practica. Students will work in an approved internship site under the supervision of an appropriately credentialed supervisor for a minimum of 600 hours.

1. **Course Objectives:**

The intern will develop an internship plan on the appended form. As a guiding principle, it should be understood that the internship is an organized and supervised set of training experiences (paid or unpaid), the purpose of which is to enhance one's ability to function professionally as a counselor educator. Flexibility to tailor the internship to one's professional goals and objectives is a major strength of the doctoral internship. Although the student is required to have experiences in each of the five areas listed below, he/she is free to propose the kinds and amounts of experiences in each of the areas. In your proposal, please list the type(s) of experience you propose in each of the areas, approximate number of hours for each, and the specific setting for each. The minimum number of total hours in the doctoral internship is 600.

* + - * 1. **Teaching:**  co-teaching, or functioning as an instructor for foundation or specialty courses for master’s level counselors in training.
        2. **Clinical:**  consists of providing direct (individual and group) counseling services, or teaching clinically oriented courses.
        3. **Supervision:** supervising master's students in a counseling practicum, internship, or paraprofessionals in an agency in the provision of counseling-related services.
        4. **Research:** - writing an article, developing a grant proposal, conducting a pilot study, conducting independent research, assisting a faculty member in research, etc. (*dissertation development may occur during the internship but is considered a different requirement and may not be used to satisfy the research component of internship*).
        5. P**rofessional development:** presenting at a professional meeting, participating in the committee work of a professional organization, assisting the Director of Counselor Education or one of the individual program chairs (school, community agency, college student development) in administrative tasks, etc.

The plan will be developed in conjunction with the intern's major professor, and will be consistent with the student's career objectives and plan of study. The plan will be submitted to the counselor education faculty for review and approval according to the following schedule:

Beginning date: Summer or Fall, 2009 Due date: Mid-term, Spring, 2010

Beginning date: Spring, 2010 Due date: Mid-term, Fall, 2010

1. **Course Content and Schedule:**

This course will meet for a minimum of 25 hours per term for group supervision. Group supervision, depending upon the placement of students, may be in person or occur via distance methods, or some combination methods. Individual supervision of the internship is dependent upon the types of experiences approved for each student.

1. **Course Requirements/Evaluation:**

A copy of the approved plan will be placed in the internship binder in the departmental office, and one will be provided by the student to the internship instructor on the first day of class for each term of enrollment. Any addendums or changes in the plan must be approved by the advisory committee and routed through the major professor to the counselor education faculty for endorsement. Any addendum to the plan must be presented to the instructor of the internship course and placed in the internship binder. **Students who do not bring a CED faculty approved plan to the first internship class will not be allowed to remain.**

* + - At the end of the semester, the on-site supervisor(s) will complete an evaluation form indicating the intern’s overall performance with regard to the objectives/experiences and submit it to the university supervisor (see attached).
    - The University supervisor works with on-site supervisors and interns throughout the internship period to (a) establish appropriate internship agreements; (b) provide consultation and supervision for interns and site supervisors; (c) provide on-campus group supervision for interns; (d) assign grades for interns.
    - The activity log will be compared with the initial (and if relevant, amended) objectives at the end of the internship period. This review, along with the onsite supervisor’s evaluation, all observations made during the internship, will constitute the basis for the final grade.
    - Internship is graded Satisfactory (S), Unsatisfactory (U), or Incomplete (IN). A grade of Incomplete is assigned when the objectives or clock hours of the internship are not met through no fault of the intern.

1. **Class Policy Statements:**

Participation: Students are expected to participate in all class discussions and participate in all exercises. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor if assignment deadlines are not met. Students are responsible for initiating arrangements for missed work.

Attendance/Absences: Attendance is required at each class meeting. If an exam is missed, a make-up exam will be given only for University-approved excuses as outlined in the [**Tiger Cub**](http://www.auburn.edu/tigercub/handbook.html)**.** Arrangement to take the make-up exam must be made in advance. Students who miss an exam because of illness need a doctor’s statement for verification of sickness and should clear the absence with the instructor the day they return to class. Other unavoidable absences from campus must be documented and cleared with the instructor **in advance**.

Accommodations: Students who need accommodations are asked to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternative time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. Bring a copy of your Accommodation Memo and an Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. If you do not have an Accommodation Memo but need accommodations, make an appointment with the [**Program for Students with Disabilities**](http://www.auburn.edu/academic/disabilities/) at 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).

Honesty Code: The University Academic Honesty Code and the [**Tiger Cub**](http://www.auburn.edu/tigercub/handbook.html) Rules and Regulations pertaining to Cheating will apply to this class.

Professionalism: As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College’s conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:

* Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
* Contribute to collaborative learning communities
* Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
* Model and nurture intellectual vitality

1. **Justification for Graduate Credit:**

COUN 8920 has been developed so that instruction follows the directive that it “should be progressively more advanced in academic content than undergraduate programs” and should “foster independent learning” [**(SACS**](http://www.sacs.org/) guidelines 3.6.1 and 3.6.2). Further, the guidelines presented in the Statement of Clarification of the Definition and Use of 6000-level courses as approved by the Auburn University Graduate Council, May 21, 1997 apply:

Factors to consider in evaluating a course for graduate credit include but are not limited to the following:

* use of specific requisites;