

1. What are the prerequisites for practicum?

All courses noted below must be completed prior to the semester of enrollment in COU 880 but you may enroll in additional coursework beyond these listed in the semester you take COU 880. An asterisk (*) indicates that these courses are generally only offered one time per year. School practicum will only be offered during the fall and spring semesters. Pre-requisites for COU 880 Practicum are noted below and also appear on the application form.

Clinical Mental Health Counselors

COU 813 Professional Orientation & Ethics in Counseling
COU 840 Counseling Theory and Practice
COU 846 Process and Basic Techniques of Counseling
COU 803 Principles and Practices of Clinical Mental Health Counseling
COU 820 Group Counseling
COU 847 Crisis and Abuse Counseling
COU 848 Child and Adolescent Counseling
COU 849 Addiction Disorders Counseling
COU 855 Diagnosis and Treatment in Counseling

School Counselors

COU 813 Professional Orientation & Ethics in Counseling
COU 840 Counseling Theory and Practice
COU 846 Process and Basic Techniques of Counseling
COU 814 Administration and Consultation in Counseling Services
COU 820 Group Counseling
COU 825 Developmental Counseling With School Age Children
COU 847 Crisis and Abuse Counseling
COU 848 Child and Adolescent Counseling
COU 855 Diagnosis and Treatment in Counseling

2. What are the prerequisites for internship?

COU 880 Counseling Practicum is a prerequisite for COU 881 Counseling Internship, as are all the prerequisites listed for COU 880. In addition, students must complete the following courses prior to the semester they intend to enroll in COU 881 Counseling Internship.

Clinical Mental Health Counselors

COU 804 Counseling Diverse Populations
COU 822 Lifestyle and Career Counseling
COU 850 Family Counseling

School Counselors

COU 804 Counseling Diverse Populations
COU 822 Lifestyle and Career Counseling

Internship is designed to be the final clinical field experience at the end of your course work. Internship will be offered spring, fall for school counseling students and mental health counseling students. Internship will be offered in the summer session primarily for mental health counseling students but under very rare circumstances may be available to school counseling students. There is an additional component for the application for those students who want to take internship in the summer for school counseling and this component details very strict conditions which a placement must meet to be approved as a summer internship site. Due to these very difficult standards for doing a school counseling internship in the summer, it is highly recommended that all school counseling students try to complete the internship in spring and fall placements. For detailed information about the specific requirements for a summer internship in school counseling, please see the form labeled "Summer Internship in School Counseling" located with the other forms at the end of this Handbook.

The faculty recommends that all counseling (COU) courses be completed prior to taking COU 881 to enhance your learning experience and your client's services.