

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a practicum site for students enrolled in Nova Southeastern University's Masters Program in Mental Health Counseling. The program, sponsored by the Center for Psychological Studies, prepares students to design and implement prevention and treatment programs and provide direct counseling services. The course-work provides broad based training designed to equip individuals with the skills necessary to confront a wide variety of contemporary issues such as substance abuse, family violence, aging, eating disorders, chronic mental illness and general emotional problems. Each student is required to complete a total of 750 hours of supervised practicum and internship over three consecutive semesters at the end of their degree program.

Approved practicum sites are responsible for providing the student with appropriate clinical experiences, under the supervision of a clinician with a minimum of a Masters degree in a relevant clinical area. Students must receive a minimum of one hour per week of face to face supervision.

Three documents are enclosed which will describe our process, delineate our mutual responsibilities, and help you in developing the training experience. After reviewing the materials, please complete the Practicum Site Application and both copies of the Agreement, and return all three signed forms to me. If your site is approved, I will return an executed copy of the Agreement to you for your files. Students from the internship program are placed for a three semester practicum/internship three times each year, in the Fall, Winter, and Summer terms. Prior to each placement, you will be asked to determine the number of students you will accept. Your application materials will allow us to match the student with your requirements. The Practicum Handbook, which is enclosed, will describe the process in detail.

Please keep in mind that a crucial requirement for approval is the agency's willingness to provide each student a minimum of one hour of face-to-face supervision each week by a qualified Masters level professional. Should you have any questions about the process, do not hesitate to contact my practicum coordinator, Ms. Nichole Vincent at 954-304-4163 or myself at (954)-262-5710. Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

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