

PSY 480/481 Community Practicum

PSY 480, 481. Community Practicum (3) (3). *Prerequisites: consent of the instructor.* Practice of psychological techniques in a community organization such as mental health clinics, juvenile detention centers, etc.

Procedure for enrolling in a community practicum:

1. **Identify a community organization** where you would like to complete your practicum. This organization should be one that uses psychological techniques to provide services to individuals. Your experience at this organization can range from observing techniques being delivered to implementing them with supervision, depending on the specific organization. **Do NOT contact** private counseling offices/centers (e.g., Bodenheimer Psychological and Counseling Center) because these sites cannot provide practicum opportunities due to client confidentiality issues.
2. **Contact a supervisor** at the organization to inquire about volunteering as a practicum student. This supervisor is responsible for all of your supervision in the community setting, including but not limited to, scheduling hours, training, and performance feedback (if necessary). An instructor in JSU's Psychology Department will oversee your practicum experience via written summaries, and she will contact your community supervisor to verify completion of hours and overall job performance.
3. **Email Makenzie Bayles (mbayles@jsu.edu)**, the practicum instructor, to present your practicum plan. Please send her the organization's name, a brief description of the job, the supervisor's name, and the supervisor's contact information (email address preferred). After evaluating the plan, you will either be approved to enroll or suggestions will be made for alternative practicum opportunities.

Practicum requirements:

- A **minimum** of 135 hours of service must be completed between the first day of classes and the last day of finals (approximately 9 hrs/15 weeks in fall/spring; approximately 11 hrs/12 weeks in summer)
- A summary of your experiences (specific format described in syllabus)
- Adherence to all the policies that are enforced by the community organization at which you work

Examples of community organizations that have supervised or *may* be interested in supervising JSU practicum students: *Please not that some of the contacts may have changed without notice.

- **Experience in Developmental Disabilities (applied behavior analysis) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)**
 - The Little Tree Preschool (Anniston; <http://www.learning-tree.org/preschool/jacksonville.html>)
 - Aimee Spruill: aspruill@learning-tree.org
 - The Learning Tree (Jacksonville; www.thelearningtree.org):
 - Jamie Logan: jlogan@learning-tree.org
 - Northeast Alabama Mental Retardation/Developmental Disability Authority (Gadsden; https://volunteer.united-e-way.org/nfl-volunteer/org/opp.aspx?agency_id=10248018885):
 - Kathy West, Director of Operations: 256-547-4472
 - Restore Neurobehavioral Center (TBI; Ragland, AL and Roswell & Lilburn, GA; <http://www.restorehealthgroup.com/>):
 - Kristi Miller: Kristi.Miller@restorehealthgroup.com, 866-807-6059
- **Experience in Health Care**
 - Legacy Village of Jacksonville Assisted Living and Memory Care (Jacksonville; <http://www.legacyjacksonville.net>)
 - See Dr. Jennifer Bruzek for further details and contact information (jbruzek@jsu.edu)
 - SolAmor Hospice (Jacksonville; www.solamorphospice.com)
 - Greg Lee, Hospice Administrator: 256-782-3560
- **Experience in Counseling**
 - JSU's Counseling and Disabilities Support
 - Julie Nix, LCSW, PIP: jnix@jsu.edu; 256-782-8380
 - 2nd Chance Sexual Violence Counseling Center (sexual violence; Anniston;)
 - Trace Fleming-Smith, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate: tracedaybreak@bellsouth.net ; 256-236-7381

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- Anniston Army Depot (substance abuse)
 - Boyd Scoggins, Supervisor: Boyd.g.scoggins.civ@mail.mil
- Calhoun Cleburne Mental Health Center (<http://ccmhc.net>)
 - Mickey Turner, Executive Director: mturner@ccmhb.net
- Edith K. Couch Counseling (Anniston, variety of clients)
 - Edith Couch, LPC: Edith_Couch@gmail.com
- Family Links (parenting, juveniles; McClellan; www.familylinksonline.org)
 - Call 256-820-5911
- Garrett Counseling and Consulting (variety of populations & problems served; play therapy; Jacksonville; <http://www.garrettcounseling.com>)
 - Ashley Garrett, LPC: 256-239-5662 or use the “Contact Us” form on their website
- Lifeline Village Maternity Home (Pell City; www.lifelinevillage.org)
 - Keshia Franklin, Program Coordinator: keshia.franklin@LifelineChild.org; 205-338-6462; 256-626-3693
- Pathways Professional Counseling, Alabama Baptist Children’s Homes and Family Ministries (marriage and family; <http://www.pathwaysprofessional.org/>)
 - Rod Campbell, MAMFT, LPC: rcampbell@abchome.org
- Private Practitioners (Anniston)
 - Judith Johnson, LPC: 256-237-9200, jjohnsonlpc@bellsouth.net
- The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center (Birmingham; <http://www.satruck.org/rehabilitation-program>)
 - Salonya Green, MA, LPC, Head Counselor: Salonya_Green@uss.salvationarmy.org, 205-252-8151 ext. 102
- ***Experience in Other Areas***
 - Informed Group Enterprises, LLC (<http://i4ge.com>)
 - Chris Raines, Owner/CEO: neuro1000@gmail.com or 770-298-5094
 - Coosa Valley Youth Services (<http://cvys.net>)
 - American Red Cross (Etowah County; <http://www.alredcross.org/general.asp?SN=8618&OP=8651&SUOP=8659&IDCapitulo=DRGYJ0Q5XZ>)
 - Jennifer Feaster-Baker, Emergency Services/Community Outreach Manager: Jennifer.Baker@redcrossal.org
 - Auburn University Canine Training Center (Anniston; <http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/cdri>)
 - See Dr. Paige McKerchar for further details and contact information
 - Interfaith Ministries (Anniston; <http://www.interfaithcalhoun.org/>)
 - 256-237-1472
 - Miami Seaquarium (animal training; Miami, FL; <http://miamiseaquarium.com/AboutUs/Jobs-Internship/Animal-Training-Intern>)
 - Lesley Kerr, Internship Coordinator: atinternship@msq.cc

Internship Opportunities via JSU’s Career Services

JSU’s Career Services works with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce to help connect students with local organizations, so you can go online to **www.internships.com** for local and worldwide internship opportunities. If you have questions about this service, please contact Career Services at careerservices@jsu.edu or 256-782-5482.