

Field Placement at a Glance:

Ahhhhh, Field Experience! It is the *gateway* to your future profession!

For the 60-credit MS in Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, you must take 1 semester of Practicum and two semesters of Internship.

For the 33-credit MA in Addiction Studies program, you must take 1 semester of Practicum.

For the MS program:

Students must have completed 27 credits prior to taking Practicum, including the following prerequisites: PC505, 512, 523, 525, 526, 540, and 550 (with a C+ or better, except a B for 523).

Therefore, most full-time students are eligible for Practicum in their 4th semester, and most part-time students are eligible for Practicum in their 5th or 6th semester.

Here's a general timeline of what to do for field placement.

In your 1st semester....

- Glance at the Field Placement Handbook.
- Consider attending a "Café Talk" to learn more about field placement in general.
- Don't overwhelm yourself by trying to figure it all out right now.

In your 2nd semester....

- Read the F.P. Handbook.
- Review the site list on the FP page of the dept. website to familiarize yourself with the variety of sites.
- Think about what type of setting and populations you would like to work with.
- Consider outreaching sites for availability of internships.
- Glance at/review the videos related to field placement on the website.

In your 3rd semester....

- If you plan to take Practicum in your 4th semester, you will need to submit an application for it by midway through your 3rd semester (see Handbook for specific due dates).
- Familiarize yourself with the Tevera forms related to field placement; watch the Tevera Info Session video on website.
- Kick your search into high gear. Search for a placement several months before the semester in which you plan to take Practicum. The site list on our website is a good launching off point for that, but other sites can be qualified as well. It may take a long time to secure a site, so plan for that!

For part-time students aiming to take Practicum in your 5th or 6th semester, conduct the above actions by or before your 4th semester.

Where to find more information and the answers to your questions: The F.P Handbook, other resources on the F.P. webpage ("How To" video, Tevera video, site list, etc.), the 'course' in eCampus called "Professional Counseling – Field Placement", Tevera, the Director of Field Placement, your faculty advisor, your peers, Café Talks and Info Sessions offered periodically.

Links to:

- **F.P. Handbook:** www.monmouth.edu/department-of-professional-counseling/documents/fieldplacementhandbook.pdf/
- **F.P. Webpage:** www.monmouth.edu/graduate/ms-clinical-mental-health-counseling/field-placement/
- **Site List:** www.monmouth.edu/department-of-professional-counseling/field-placement-sites/