

Trevecca Nazarene University
MFT 5455 and 5456
Guidelines for Practicum
in the
Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy

The graduate psychology program at Trevecca Nazarene University recognizes the importance of the *marriage and family therapy* practicum in providing experience in real settings. We wish to have each student learn much from the placement experience. We also want the student to provide the practicum site with services that are compatible with his/her skills. The purpose of this document is to set forth in advance the types of activities our students must fulfill during their practicum experience. We ask that the student share this information with the potential practicum site supervisor and if further negotiations need to be entered into, we may do so.

The following is a general list of the areas in which we would like our students to be involved each semester.

1. Marriage and family therapy (minimum of 5 ongoing cases).
2. Individual counseling.
3. Group counseling or program implementation.
4. Consultation with professionals on your staff.
5. Participation in staffings and staff meetings.
6. Informational activities and in-service presentations/activities.
7. Administration/interpretation of tests.
8. Referrals.
9. Handling client records.
10. Other activities relevant to your setting.

We expect all students to spend a significant portion of time in direct (therapy) services. Students are required to make video or audio tapes of a minimum of ten one-hour sessions and to meet with at least five different clients on an ongoing basis each semester. Permission slips will need to be secured and the tapes will be handled within ethical guidelines.

All students will be supervised by TNU faculty. In addition, there must be an on-site supervisor at each placement. The on-site supervisor needs to have working knowledge and experience in marriage and family therapy and will be asked to:

1. Complete an evaluation form 2 times during each semester and return it to Trevecca Nazarene University.
2. Be available to assist the counselor in emergencies and staff cases as needed.

3. Provide supervision sessions when possible.
4. Provide on-the-job training that allows the student to fit into your organization.

Practicum students are expected to document a minimum of 150 hours of on-site counseling related activities over the course of each 14-week semester. Though each semester is handled separately, a two-semester practicum experience at the same site is preferable.

While it is possible for a student to do a practicum at his/her work location, the hours logged should relate only to assignments which go beyond the student's compensated work assignment.

Practicum may be done at a private practice only when there are broad areas of coverage by practitioners and only with special permission from the university practicum coordinator.

Practicum sites that seem to fit many of our students' areas of interest would include, but not be limited to, the following:

Mental Health centers of all types	Mental hospitals
Employee assistance programs	Group homes
Drug and Alcohol programs	Intervention programs in schools
College counseling centers	Pastoral counseling programs
Family counseling centers and agencies	

The Trevecca Nazarene University faculty supervisor will visit the site at least once during the semester and is available to meet more often if appropriate or requested by the on-site supervisor.

Thank you for considering the possibility of being an on-site practicum supervisor. We believe our students will provide helpful assistance to your organization. As you consider this involvement, feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

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