



Course Description

HUS2820 | Field Experience in Human Service | 3.00 credits

Volunteer work as counseling paraprofessionals in a community agency under supervision. Students meet regularly with the Field Coordinator. Prerequisites: HUS1001, 1302, 2303.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will volunteer work as counseling paraprofessionals in a community agency under supervision, students will actively engage in gaining practical experience and skills in the field of counseling by:

1. Applying counseling techniques and skills learned in the classroom to real-life counseling scenarios, providing support and guidance to clients under the supervision of experienced professionals
2. Observing and learning from experienced counselors and supervisors during counseling sessions, gaining insights into effective therapeutic approaches and interventions
3. Reflecting on personal experiences and interactions with clients, supervisors, and fellow volunteers, fostering self-awareness and continuous learning to enhance counseling skills and professional development

Competency 2: This volunteer work aims to provide students with the opportunity to meet regularly with the Field Coordinator, fostering communication, support, and guidance throughout their counseling paraprofessional experience.

1. Collaborating with the Field Coordinator to discuss and clarify goals, expectations, and learning objectives for the volunteer work, ensuring a shared understanding of the roles and responsibilities
2. Receiving regular feedback and guidance from the Field Coordinator, utilizing constructive feedback to enhance counseling skills, address challenges, and foster personal and professional growth
3. Engaging in regular meetings with the Field Coordinator to discuss case progress, share experiences, and seek guidance on ethical and professional issues, promoting a supportive and learning-oriented environment

Competency 3: The student will volunteer work as counseling paraprofessionals in a community agency under supervision, students will have developed proficiency in applying counseling skills and concepts in a real-world setting by:

1. Assisting clients in developing coping strategies, problem-solving skills, and self-awareness, contributing to their personal growth and well-being
2. Facilitating support groups and counseling sessions under the guidance and supervision of experienced professionals, creating a safe and supportive environment for clients to share and explore their concerns
3. Advocating for clients' needs and rights, collaborating with the community agency and other professionals to ensure access to appropriate resources and services, promoting holistic care and support for clients

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society