EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING GRADUATE HANDBOOK
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About National University

The University of Values

Anchored by the core values of quality, access, relevance, accelerated pace, affordability, and community, National University is dedicated to educational access and academic excellence. It meets these lofty goals by providing challenging and relevant programs that are student-centered, success-oriented, and responsive to technology.

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Second in the nation in granting Master’s Degrees in education to Hispanics;
Second in the nation in granting Master’s Degrees in all disciplines combined to minorities;
First in California in granting Master’s Degrees to African Americans;
Second in California in granting Master’s Degrees in all disciplines to minorities.
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PURPOSE OF THE HANDBOOK

The purpose of the Educational Counseling Graduate Handbook is to support and provide candidates and supervisors with necessary information regarding National University’s School Counseling Program. The Handbook is to be used as a reference and resource guide for the duration of the candidate’s program. The handbook includes all the necessary forms for completion of the fieldwork experiences (Practicum and Field Experience/Internship) as well as links to other valuable outside resources. Please save an electronic copy as well as print and keep a copy for your records.

This Handbook is divided into four sections:

Section I provides a Broad Program Overview, Program Completion Options, National Accreditation Standards, California Standards for School Counseling and Program Standards, Program Learning Outcomes, Program Admission Information, School Counseling Program Overview, Professional Portfolio Requirements and Program Exit Process.

Section II provides University Policies and Procedures, Statement on Professional Ethics, Advisement Information, and Program Contact Information

Section III provides all information regarding your Clinical Instruction, including Practicum and Field Experience/Internship Requirements, Candidate Roles and Responsibilities, Field Experience/Internship Site Visits and Courses.

Section IV provides all the forms and supporting documents required of candidates and their supervisors to complete the School Counseling Program including Practicum logs, Internship Application Form, Field Experience/Internship Training Plan, Weekly Log of Field Experience/Internship Hours, Summary Log of Field Experience/Internship Hours, Intern Assessment, Candidate Supervision Reflection, Field Experience/Internship Site Evaluation, Exit Interview, School Counseling Program Exit Evaluation, Honorarium Form, as well as others. The candidate assistance procedures include the formal remediation plan for those in need. The Remediation Plan, a formal way to assist candidate matriculate successfully through this program, is also outlined in this section.
Voices from the Field

“Now that your program is over, how would you guide your learning?”

In this section, the faculty asked our graduates to share insights that they learned as they matriculated through the program. Each graduate is currently working in the field as a professional school counselor.

- “While I acknowledge that distance learning allows for flexibility and for the program to be accessible to more students, there is something to be said for being a part of a cohort, going through courses together and building friendships, some of which I can see being life-long”.
  Jamie Wilson- recent graduate

- “From the get go, ask to see the forms that are typically used in the schools by counselors.”
  Johnathan Emaguna- Counselor- Foothill High School- Tustin Unified School District

- “It is important to link your fieldwork experiences with your course work. Bring the real world into your classroom. Also stay connected with your network of supporters.”
  Nick Ho- Adjunct Counselor- Golden West College

- “What I really learned since that program is that school counselor leadership means having a voice in the policies and decisions that affect my students, my daily work, and the shape of my profession.”
  Samuel Hernandez- Head Counselor- Corona High School – Corona Norco Unified School District and adjunct professor

Ultimately, what matters most is for schools to find ways to improve the learning environment, reduce punitive approaches to school discipline, and provide greater social and emotional support. Anything less is just window dressing.

Pedro Noguera, Executive Director
Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools, New York University
SECTION I
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

National University’s Master of Science in Educational Counseling and Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Counseling programs are committed to training candidates to provide best practices counseling services in educational settings. Toward this end, the curriculum provides foundational knowledge and experience in the areas of human development and learning, contemporary and multicultural issues, comprehensive guidance programs, individual and group counseling, leadership and consultation, academic and career guidance, psycho-educational, assessment, legal and ethical issues, and research. Clinical experiences, including Practicum and field experience/internships with experienced supervisors, are a central component of the training candidates receive, and allow the candidate to apply acquired knowledge and professional skills in field-based settings.

School Counseling Mission Statement

The mission of the School Counseling Program is to prepare candidates for effective and satisfying careers as professional and ethical counselors working with individuals, families, and other groups in educational settings. It emphasizes the counselor’s role as a leader and advocate for positive institutional transformation to improve candidate achievement. The goal of the program is to convey a comprehensive developmental approach to counseling theory, research, and practice focused on major educational and psychological concepts. The faculty is committed to providing excellence in teaching and continual improvement of the courses and program.

CAEP

The School of Education received national accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) which ensures that accredited institutions produce competent caring and qualified teachers and other professional school personnel who can help all students learn. In 2013 NCATE merged into CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation) as the new accrediting body for educator preparation.

Where Did “STARS” Come From?

STARS came from a broad range of input on the part of School of Education faculty and partners about the values and beliefs we hold to be important. Qualitative analysis was carried out to identify themes from the input we received. Five themes were identified, and the themes were then arranged to form the STARS acronym.
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING DEGREE DESCRIPTIONS

All courses are taught in either a one or two-month format. On ground courses run from 5:30-10:00 PM on M/W or T/TH with a final exam for onsite courses on the last Saturday of the month. Also, our courses are offered fully online with weekly synchronous collaborative sessions. Still others are offered in a hybrid (mixed on ground and asynchronous). Due to the short and intense nature of the courses, attendance is mandatory to all on ground sessions and your regular presence in online courses is also required. There are three options for those wishing to pursue this degree program:

Option One

Master of Science Degree in Educational Counseling with Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential

This option is recommended for candidates who wish to practice as a credentialed school counselor and have no earned degree in counseling. This degree requires 81 quarter units and these are usually completed on a part-time basis. Candidates take one class per month (4.5 units) usually for 18 consecutive months. Most courses are completed in one month, but some courses are two months in length. This degree option includes extensive coursework and 100 logged hours of practicum (observational experience), PLUS, 600 logged hours of fieldwork experience (field Experience/internship). At the completion of this program, candidates will have earned their Master’s Degree and be eligible to apply for their California Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) School Counseling Credential.

Option Two

Master of Science Degree in Educational Counseling with NO PPS Credential

This option is for candidates who do not wish to apply for the PPS credential upon program completion. A candidate might choose this option if he or she was looking to pursue a position outside the Pre-K-12 schools such as post-secondary education (Most often as a community college counselor). This option includes 81 quarter units and 100 logged hours of Practicum (observational experience) and 200 logged hours of Fieldwork experience (field experience/internship).

Option Three

Pupil Personnel Services Credential Only

This option is available for candidates who already have an appropriate master’s degree and wish to complete the required courses and fieldwork necessary to become eligible for a PPS credential in school counseling. This option requires 100 logged hours of Practicum (observational experience) PLUS 600 logged hours of Fieldwork experience (field experience/Internship)

If you are unsure which option is best for you, it is recommended that you contact the school counseling program advisor faculty in your area. Feel free to call the nearest center faculty adviser. Contact information is provided at the end of Section I.
NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND PROGRAM STANDARDS

When enrolled in the Educational Counseling program at National, candidates are receiving an education that complies with the highest professional standards. The Counseling program complies with standards set forth by the CAEP (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation). The program has also been accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentials (CTC) and is undergoing revisions to meet the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) standards for school counseling. Additionally, the program itself requires candidates to demonstrate mastery of a series of highly rigorous Program Learning Outcomes (PLO’s), as well as receiving a passing score on the Professional School Counselor Praxis Examination (#0421 or #5421) before degree conferral. Following are the current Counseling Program Learning Outcomes.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Candidates who successfully complete the National University, Masters in Educational Counseling Program (with or without PPS credential) will be able to:

1) Distinguish among major developmental theories and chronological stages of life-long human development and the impact of these stages on school behavior and learning;

2) Address social and diversity concerns and crises of individuals and groups of students;

3) Develop and evaluate comprehensive guidance programs based on relevant data;

4) Implement individual counseling skills and techniques to help diverse students cope with personal and interpersonal problems appreciating the diversity of each student;

5) Implement group counseling skills and techniques to help diverse students cope with personal and interpersonal problems appreciating the diversity of each student;

6) Integrate positive consultative and collaborative relationships with school staff, parents, and community agencies in support and advocacy of student academic, career, and personal/social success;

7) Evaluate legal mandates affecting education and school counseling and apply appropriate legal and ethical standards and practices to specific counseling situations;

8) Advocate academic success for all preK-16 students by employing appropriate standardized and non-standardized group and individual educational and psychological assessment data and data driven educational decisions/interventions;

9) Integrate computer technology relevant to the tasks and roles of a school counselor;

10) Construct curriculum for diverse classrooms and classroom interventions strategies based on learning theory;
11) Perform as professional school counselors and professional leaders reflecting the history and trends of the profession to enhance the field of school counseling;
12) Propose career based programs and interventions based on career development theories, and the impact of career development on school behavior and learning;
13) Interpret findings of social science research, developed and implemented by the student, to professional practice.

PROGRAM ADMISSION INFORMATION

Admission into the University

Please see the current National University Catalog for University admission and credential requirements. You may also contact admissions at 1-800-NAT-UNIV.

Admission into the School Counseling Program

To gain admission into the School Counseling program applicants must do the following:

1. Successfully complete School Counseling Orientation including:
   a) Acknowledgement of Terms and Agreements showing proof of
   b) Basic Skills Assessment (e.g. CBEST) passage or proof of attempt, successful passage must be done prior to advancing to Internship (fieldwork)
   c) Obtain Certificate of Clearance and Fingerprint Clearance through an existing document
   d) Negative TB verification to be included in credential packet.
   e) Writing a performance assessment (Write-placer Assessment)

2. The program of study will be completed using the form available in the course catalog. All course descriptions can be found in the current Course Catalog which can be accessed at http://www.nu.edu/OurPrograms/SchoolOfEducation/EducationalAdministration.html

3. For Credential Candidates Only, a completed Credential Packet must be returned to the Credentials Department. This includes the following form:
   - Acknowledgement of Terms and Agreements showing proof of:
     - Appropriate Master’s Degree or enrollment in Appropriate Master’s degree program;
     - Basic Skills Assessment (e.g. CBEST) attempt or passage;
     - Fingerprint Clearance through an existing document or Certificate of Clearance;
     - Negative TB results.

Transfer of Credits

“Credential Only” candidates may be able to transfer comparable graduate level coursework up to 49.5 units (11 courses) if completed within the past seven years from a regionally accredited institution. Masters and credential candidates or “Master’s only” candidates may transfer up to three graduate
courses from a regionally accredited institution with a grade of “B” or better, if completed within the past seven years. Coursework that is more than seven years old cannot be transferred into the credential or degree programs. The following courses cannot be transferred under any circumstances: CED 607, CED 616, CED 617, CED 618, CED 619 and CED 620. Approval for transfer of courses into the program involves a process starting with the candidate’s admission advisor, the faculty advisor, and finally, the Office of the Registrar. **Note: The Registrar is the final determiner of acceptable courses for transfer into this program.**

To apply for a course waiver to transfer credits, the candidate must meet with the Faculty Advisor. Candidates must bring copies of transcripts referring to the course they wish to waive. In some cases, the course description on the transcript may not be clear, and necessitate reviewing the graduate catalog description. In rare cases, if the catalog description is not available or still not descriptive enough, the course syllabus may need to be reviewed. If the course waiver to transfer credits is approved by the Registrar’s office, the candidate is exempt from taking the course at National and the credit will be transferred.

**SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Each candidate’s specific program of study depends on the catalog in place upon acceptance to the program. Below is the link to the current course catalog that will define current program content. Candidates will need to meet with their advisor to confirm their individual program.

[National University Catalog](http://www.nu.edu/ourprograms/catalog.html)

**Program of Study: CATALOG 78 - 79**

**Master of Science in Educational Counseling- PPS credential**

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**CHECKPOINT with Faculty Advisor (Advancement to Candidacy)**

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| (6) | CED 610 Advanced Counseling Theories and Methods (prerequisite CED 600) |
| (7) | CED 611 Group Counseling (prerequisite CED 610) |
| (8) | CED 603 Multicultural Counseling (prerequisite CED 610) |
| (9) | CED 601 Consultation in the Schools |
| (10) | CED 631 Practicum (Taken with Concurrently with CED 620) |
| (11) | CED 612 Career & Academic Counseling |
| (12) | CED 613 Psycho-educational Assessment |
| (13) | CED 614 Legal and Ethical Practices |
| (14) | ILD 625 Research in Education (except Credential ONLY) |
| (15) | CED 637 Action Research (prerequisite ILD625) (Except Credential ONLY) |

**CHECKPOINT with Faculty Advisor//Field Experience/Internship Coordinator**

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

Practicum (100 hours)

PLUS

Field Experience/ Internship (600 hours/ PPS two educational levels)
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<td>School Counseling (Community College Internship Only)  (200 hours)</td>
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<td>Internship Seminar (Taken concurrently with Field experience/internship)</td>
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Total units for degree (excluding prerequisites) 81 quarter units

**EXIT INTERVIEW** University Supervisor or Faculty Advisor

### School Counseling Program Assessment of Candidates

The School Counseling program at National University utilizes a multifaceted assessment plan that yields formative and summative data regarding individual candidate progress and program efficacy. Assessment of the various learning objectives at the course and candidate level is carried out via homework assignments, quizzes, term papers, class presentations, discussion board threads, written reports and candidate portfolios. These assessments serve as artifacts for candidate portfolios and provide formative data regarding the Program and State Standards. Summative evaluations required for graduation in all Educational Counseling Programs are collected for each candidate and include the
Praxis II Professional School Counselor (#0421 or #5421) exam, Professional Portfolio, Field Experience/Internship Evaluations, and Research Project.

In addition, the School Counseling Program has developed many rubrics that are used for evaluation of candidate work and performance. Each rubric is an evaluation tool with specific course content criteria that are typically assessed on a graduated continuum. Rubrics have several advantages including: clarifying standards to learners; describing a range of quality from poor to outstanding; facilitating a learner’s self-appraisal of work or performance; and increasing the responsibility a learner assumes for work and performance. Finally, rubrics provide a common tool that faculty and supervisors may use for evaluation across different types of courses, work products, and professional performance.

**Classroom Dispositions of Educational Counseling Candidates (CDECC)**

The CDECC is an evaluative tool used to determine the development of professional skills, dispositions and ongoing “goodness of fit” with the profession. The form is filled out by the instructor at the end of every course during the degree program. Any score of “inadequate” may trigger a candidate review and possible remediation steps. Please see Section IV for an example of the CDECC form. During the Field Experience/Internship portion of the Program a more extensive Professional Dispositions form is used which can also be located in Section IV.

**Clinical Practice Overview**

During the course of your program you will progress through a series of fieldwork experiences beginning with a Practicum experiences and ending in site- based Field Experience/Internships. The first step to prepare for your Clinical /Fieldwork is to take and pass the CBEST. Please do this as soon as possible. Information on taking the CBEST as well as dates for local testing sites is available at: [http://www.cbest.nesinc.com/](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com/). More detailed information on all aspects of your Clinical Practice will be covered in Section II of the handbook.

**Advancement to Candidacy**

Once advanced to candidacy, candidates are qualified to begin the Field Experience/Internship process. To qualify for Candidacy a candidate must:

1. Successfully complete a total of 10 CED core courses including at least the following: CED 607, 600, 605, 606, 610, 611, 601, 614 and 603;
2. Obtain adequate scores on all CDECC evaluations.

Once these requirements are met, candidates will meet with the Field Experience/Internship Coordinator to confirm Candidacy and begin Field Experience/Internship placement process. See Clinical Practice Section II for details on the Field Experience/Internship process.

**Research Core**

All candidates pursuing a Master’s degree must demonstrate competency in academic research by completing an action research project. All candidates must enroll in ILD 625, Educational Research, a foundational research class. Subsequently all candidates will then enroll in CED 637, Action Research, to design and implement their project.
CED 637: School Counseling Action Research is designed to include relevant aspects of professional writing while remaining focused on the practical needs of educators. Candidates design and complete an IRB-approved research project (see below) that is based upon a practical problem (usually located within the school setting) that culminates in an analysis of data that is gathered on-site and verified with a presentation to an appropriate audience.

The Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Prior to collecting any data and/or interaction with human subjects, you must complete training on research with human subjects, and a proposal must first be submitted to and approved by the National University Institutional Review Board (IRB). Current procedures for the training and proposal submission are available at IRBNet.Org You must also have a current faculty advisor overseeing any research and provide them full access to your proposals.

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO

The portfolio represents work the candidate completed during coursework, Practicum and School Counseling Field Experience/Internship hours. The portfolio is aligned with activities and accomplishments which represent professional development.

The portfolio is recommended for the exit interview and provides a comprehensive assessment of candidate learning outcomes across all school counseling domains. Portfolios are to be developed as hard copy evidence or electronically. Portfolios built with artifacts from each course are evaluated in CED620 as well as reviewed during the candidate’s exit interview. If applicable, select a few exemplary pieces of work from this portfolio for your professional portfolio to be used during the employment search process.

Organizing the Portfolio

Depending on a candidate’s professional orientation or career goals, he or she might choose to organize the portfolio differently. Keep the audience in mind when completing a portfolio. What information would a Principal or Director of Counseling Services find useful? Some School Counseling candidates choose to organize by a specific conceptual framework, whereas others use specific school counseling services as an organizational guide. Candidates could also choose to organize their portfolio under the ASCA framework. Regardless of the order or framework chosen, be sure that all materials are copy edited and free from spelling and grammar errors and typos.

Contents of the Portfolio

- A Professional Resume
  - Highlight information relevant to School Counseling and your graduate education. Determine if it is useful to include all relevant professional information.
  - Decide on what order will best highlight your experiences: chronological or functional.
  - Clearly list identifying information including: name, address, phone numbers, and email address.
List your education, all the degrees that you have as well as the expected completion date for your current degree; some School Counseling candidates include their GPA as well as titles or topics of independent research or areas of focus.

Include information about the field placements you have had, including type of experience, client populations, and skills practiced.

Professional work experience: What graduate or research assistantships have you held while in graduate school? What professional experiences did you have prior to the beginning of graduate school? Think about the skills that you want to highlight and the positions you have held to develop or showcase skills.

Include any honors or awards that you have received, including fellowships. This information will serve to set you apart from other applicants who likely have similar educational and fieldwork background.

List the professional organizations to which you belong. If relevant, include professional development experiences you attended, including national and local conventions.

Include any publications or presentations, if any, as well as their full titles, dates, and names of co-writers/presenters.

List any certification, licensure, accreditation you currently possess.

Mention any foreign language competency or other special skills.

Include a list of the individuals you have contacted for references at the end of your resume.

**A Personal Essay** including the following:

- Professional strengths and areas of interest in school counseling;
- Career goals within school counseling;
- Personal and professional development occurring through the training program;
- View of oneself as a school counselor;
- Integration of coursework and knowledge;
- Discussion of areas needing improvement and future professional development plans.

**Documentation of Proficiencies**

Include artifacts from your classes and the Field Experience/Internship that show your proficiency in each domain listed. Some examples of meeting the proficiencies are listed below.

1. **Human Development, Behavior, and Learning**
   
   - What are the signs and symptoms of a common social or emotional problem such as depression, ADHD, eating disorders, etc.? (choose one)
   
   - Describe an experience you have had developing a behavior intervention plan for a pupil with acting out or externalizing behaviors. What data did you gather? What interventions did you recommend? Were they successful? How did you know?
   
   - Describe an intervention plan for a pupil with internalized problems (anxiety or depression). What data did you gather? What interventions did you recommend? Were they successful? How did you know?
   
   - What instructional methods or interventions do you have experience with that have proven most effective with students with reading problems?
2. **Contemporary and Multicultural Issues**
   - Describe your experience working with pupils or parents of a socioeconomic or cultural background different from your own. What was challenging? What skills or knowledge helped you overcome those challenges?

3. **School Counseling Foundations and Comprehensive Guidance Programs**
   - Describe a professional in-service program you have presented to parents or school personnel.
   - Describe the components of a comprehensive school site crisis response plan.
   - Describe an empirically supported conflict resolution or violence prevention program.
   - From your own experience, give an example of a systems change process.

4. **Individual Counseling**
   - Describe how you would begin a crisis interview. What follow-up questions would you ask?
   - Describe your experience providing individual counseling for personal/social development. How do you begin and establish rapport? How do you clarify goals and evaluate progress? How do you reach closure and end the counseling relationship?
   - What is/are the theoretical approach (es) you use in counseling sessions?

5. **Group Counseling**
   - Describe your experience conducting groups. What steps did you follow to establish the group? What were the group goals? What evidence did you gather to document the effectiveness of the group?

6. **Consultation and Collaboration**
   - Describe the process you went through to connect a pupil to a community resource or coordinate efforts with a resource person, specialist, business, or agency outside the school to solve a problem.
   - Describe the characteristics of an effective student study team or other collaborative problem solving group.
   - What are some effective ways in which counselors function as leaders in program development, education reform, and school change efforts? From your own experience, describe a successful consultation with parents, teachers, administrators, support staff or community agency personnel to resolve an academic problem. What steps did you follow? How did you know the process worked?
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7. **Legal and Ethical**
   - Discuss an ethical dilemma you have faced. How did you resolve it? What ASCA ethical standards guided you in your decision-making process?
   - Discuss the California public policies, laws, and legislation important to one of the following areas:
     - Attendance and truancy;
     - Child neglect and abuse;
     - Section 504 and IDEA;
     - Confidentiality.
8. Assessment
   o How have you used assessment in identifying individual student needs?
   o What types of group tests are used in the school setting to measure academic achievement?

9. Technology
   o How do you use technology in large group guidance?
   o How do you use technology to increase your job effectiveness?

10. Knowledge of learning theory and curriculum design for diverse classrooms
   o Describe your experience providing curriculum to meet the National Standards. What methods did you use? How do you clarify goals and evaluate progress?
   o How would you implement a guidance unit for a diverse classroom?

11. Identify self as a professional school counselor.
    o Describe your experience with professional organizations. Did you attend local conferences? Are you a member of the professional organization? How do you keep up-to-date on current professional trends?
    o How have you shared your professional knowledge and standards with your current school community?

12. Career and Academic Counseling: college and career readiness
    o Describe your experience providing individual or group counseling for career development. What methods did you use? How do you clarify goals and evaluate progress?
    o How would you implement a comprehensive career & college program for a given age/grade level?

13. Applied Research
    o Implement results-based intervention.
    o Assist in the development or evaluation of results-based intervention.

- **Field Experience/Internship Documentation**

   This section should include a copy of the “Summary of Field Experience/Internship Experiences”, self-assessments, and the supervisor’s assessments.

- **Evidence of CTC Diversity requirement**

- **Professional Documentation**

   This section of the portfolio should include such documents as a copy of Candidate’s Certificate of Clearance or copies of earned credentials, CBEST results, evidence of membership in professional organizations, etc. Candidates may also include other documents that they believe are evidence of their professional qualifications.

- **Additional information that could be included in portfolio:**
 evidence of participation in professional development activities attendance at workshops, conference, and presentations; presentations at workshops, conferences, and parent groups;
  o Professional Leadership (e.g., positions held, service on committees);
  o Praxis Exam score;
  o Letters of thanks/recognition (e.g., from Field Experience/Internship site supervisor, principals, special education personnel, parents);
  o Honors/Awards/Recognitions;
  o Selected, work-focused photographs (with appropriate permission);
  o Showcase any special skills (e.g., computer skills, behavioral interventions, early childhood emphasis).

PROGRAM EXIT PROCESS

When candidates are nearing the end of their degree program they will have to go through several steps to ensure all necessary processes and paperwork for completing their degree and credential are completed. Among these are completing the Praxis Exam, a formal exit interview with the University Supervisor or Faculty Advisor (when available), completion of all paperwork, and a meeting with the Credential Program Specialist.

National Praxis Exam

Upon completion of coursework and at the end of the Field Experience/Internship in school counseling, candidates must take the national ETS Praxis examination (#421, or #5421) in Professional School Counseling. The exam is multiple choice. The exam takes two hours to complete and you must pre-register.

Registration for the examination is made and a fee is paid directly to ETS. Candidates should elect to receive their scores electronically to themselves. Note: It is recommended that candidates make copies of their scores immediately, turn in a copy to the candidates’ local credential office (for tracking purposes) and have them available at the time of their exit interview. Candidates must score 156 or higher on the Praxis exam to fulfill this requirement.

Test registration materials for the Professional School Counseling Examination (ETS/Praxis #0421 or #5421) are available through the Educational Testing Service. Registration materials are contained in the document entitled Bulletin of Information. ETS may be reached at 800-772-9476 Monday through Friday. The ETS mailing address is P.O. Box 6051, Princeton, NJ 08541-6051. The examination is administered five (5) times each year in the United States. Schedules of test administration are contained in the ETS registration materials. You may also receive this information and register on-line: www.ets.org/praxis.

Exit Interview

Each School Counseling candidate must complete an oral exit interview and can present his/her professional portfolio and research project/action research project to complete the program. An action research project is not required for “Credential only” School Counseling candidates. The candidate is
interviewed by his/her current University Supervisor or Faculty Advisor (when possible). The University Supervisor verifies two things: (1) All School Counseling Field Experience/Internship logs, summaries, and evaluations are reviewed and approved; and (2) Candidate’s portfolio is completed and approved. After review and approval, the candidate must submit a copy of the completed Exit Interview form to the Credential Program Specialist.

In addition to meeting the admission and internship requirements, to be recommended for a Pupil Personnel Services: School Counseling Credential candidates must also complete and return the following:

- Proof of passing the ETS Praxis (#0421) examination in School Counseling (passing score is 156);
- Possession of an appropriate Master’s degree or completed Master’s degree coursework;
- All credential program coursework (3.0 GPA - Grades of “D”, “F” and “U” are not accepted);
- Possess a zero-account balance.

All test results must remain valid in order to apply for credential.

Additionally, the Credential Program Specialist checks that the candidate completed and passed all courses according to the appropriate catalog (including Field Experience/Internship and Master’s), reviews any waivers and verifies that candidate’s prerequisite courses have been completed or waived. If the candidate is missing anything, the Credential Program Specialist will inform them. Once any missing items are submitted and the Candidate completes the Credential Application, the analyst scans the internal checklist and Credential Application to “Singularity”, enters an e-form in Soar, sends it to the Processing Department, and processing goes through their “processes”. After the application is sent electronically to the CTC, the candidate will receive an email to pay for the credential. Once the credential is paid for online, the credential should post and be accessible within about a week online.
SECTION II
GENERAL INFORMATION

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

All candidates in the M. S. in Educational Counseling degree program must comply with all National University and School of Education candidate policies as detailed in the Graduate Handbook. Pertinent policies include maintaining an overall 3.0 GPA in the program, maintaining continuous enrollment, completion of all graduation requirements within seven years, and satisfying the university residency requirement of at least 50 of the 108 hours used toward the M. S. degree completed at National University. Candidates must have access to a reliable computer with a microphone and have the ability to make visual recordings.

Candidates with Disabilities

The School Counseling Program welcomes candidates from diverse backgrounds including individuals with disabilities. Prospective candidates should be aware of the essential abilities that are required in order to work as a school counselor. Prospective candidates with questions or concerns about their potential to meet the degree and certification requirements are encouraged to discuss this issue with a faculty member upon admission and prior to enrolling in the Master’s in School Counseling degree program.

If you have a documented disability and, as a result, need a reasonable accommodation to participate in the program, a class, complete course requirements, or benefit from the university’s programs or services, it is the student’s responsibility to contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) as soon as possible. To receive any academic accommodation, the student must first be registered with SAS. The SAS team works with students confidentially and does not disclose any disability-related information without his/her permission. SAS serves as a neutral agent of the university on accessibility issues and works in partnership with faculty and all other student services. For further information about services for students with disabilities, please contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator at (858) 642-8058 or sas@nu.edu. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive and professors are only responsible to provide accommodations upon receipt of the accommodation letter from the student with timely notice.

Please note the following from the published “ADA Accommodations Fact Sheet.”

1. School Counseling candidates seeking curriculum accommodations due to a disability must submit an application along with supporting documentation from the appropriate licensed professional to the Office of Scholarships and Special Services; the four steps to apply for services through the Office of Special Service are outlined in more detail at: http://www.nu.edu/OurPrograms/StudentServices/ServicesfortheDisabl/GettingStarted.html. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to, extended testing time, note taker, use of
an audio recorder, and provision of American Sign Language interpreters, among others. Accommodations are individualized and prescribed on a case by case basis. Further, accommodations are designed to provide equal access without interfering with the essential components of the curriculum.

2. Once a candidate is registered with the Office of Special Services and is approved to receive curriculum accommodations due to a disability, the Accessibility Services Coordinator through the Office of Special Services will provide an accommodation letter to the candidate. It is the candidate’s responsibility to provide the accommodation letter to his/her instructor in a timely fashion (a candidate may or may not elect to use the accommodation) to allow for the accommodation arrangements.

3. A letter, sent to faculty via the Faculty Message Center, is also sent to the instructor informing him/her that a candidate enrolled in the class may approach him/her with an approved accommodation letter. The letter will not disclose the identity of the candidate. Instead, the notification alerts the instructor that a candidate may approach him/her with accommodation letter listing prescribed accommodations. It is the decision of the student registered with the Office of Special Services whether or not he/she chooses to use an approved curriculum accommodation. In order for a candidate to use an approved accommodation, it is the candidate’s responsibility to present the accommodation letter, in electronic or hard copy, to the instructor. It is important to note that the student must present the Accommodation Letter to the instructor in a timely fashion to allow accommodation arrangements (e.g. extended testing time) to be made; accommodations are not retroactive. If there is a physical accommodation required (like a separate testing room for an onsite class or a special seat) a letter will also be sent to the Academic Center. The candidate is responsible for arranging this with the Academic Center and Student Services will generally pay for a private proctor for an exam.

4. Students approved for onsite testing accommodations must complete and submit a Test Accommodation Form at least five days prior to the test date and adhere to the Test Accommodation Guidelines.

5. Under no circumstances should a faculty member allow a candidate any type of accommodations without a letter typed on National University letterhead.

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PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

The National Educational Counseling program places a strong emphasis on ethical practice and decision making, holding itself and its candidates to the ethical standards of the American Counseling Association (ACA Code of Ethics) and the American School Counselor Association Code of Ethics (ASCA Code of Ethics). Professors, candidates, and supervisors are all expected to maintain a professional counselor identity and to act in accordance with the professional codes of ethics.

ADVISEMENT

Admission Advisor, Credential Program Specialist, and Faculty Advisor Roles

Admission Advisor:

- Guides candidate regarding admissions requirements, transfer credit, academic standards;
- Assists candidate with course scheduling, processing special requests, providing resource information regarding Internet access, learning resource centers, writing center, etc.

Credential Program Specialist:

- Provides information to candidates as to National University and California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) requirements in order to obtain a California Teaching Credential; (NOTE: For counselors this is the Pupil Personnel Services Credential
- Advises candidates on obtaining all necessary documentation (examinations, etc.);
- Maintains database and candidate files with continued submission of candidate documentation while maintaining confidentiality of credential files;
- Schedules specialized credential courses;
- Conducts exit interviews, ensuring all university and CTC requirements are met

Faculty Advisor:

- Advises candidates on details of the program and profession;
- Reviews previous coursework for prerequisites and course work equivalencies;
- Reviews Program Worksheet with candidate to outline courses that are required for each individual candidate, based on the current catalog at enrollment and previous coursework;
- Assists candidate as needed throughout the program.
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This section of the handbook will provide you with vital information to successfully navigate through your fieldwork experiences (Practicum and Field Experience/Internship).

**PRACTICUM (100 hours)**

The Practicum experience at National is currently undergoing analysis to determine how to most effectively provide the experiential training needed to prepare candidates for beginning their Field Experience/Internships. Candidates engage in Practicum (observational experiences) during their participation in the core courses: CED 600, 601, 602, 603, 605, 606, 607, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614 and 631. For each class, a predetermined number of hours must be completed at a school or agency under the supervision of a counselor or other qualified person. For each experience, candidates are to log the activities they perform or observe and complete a Monthly Log of Hours, Practicum in School Counseling that the supervisor at each site signs. (See form in Section IV). **Students are responsible for keeping record of their logs as they progress in the program.** Each course requires a reflection paper on these hours. It is strongly suggested that as soon as candidates enter the program, they identify two-three sites and supervisors they can access to complete these needed Practicum hours. Candidates should engage in a wide range of activities including, but not limited to: Observation of one to one and group counseling sessions; staff trainings; SST, IEP or other school-based, intervention meetings; SARB meetings; classroom observations; observing classroom lessons; assisting in the delivery of classroom lessons; interviewing teachers, principals, dean or assistant principal in charge of counseling, school psychologists; attending career fairs and college and financial aid presentations; reviewing the school behavior system; and receiving training on school technological systems.

A total of 100 hours is required before a candidate may begin the Field Experience/Internship.

**FIELD EXPERIENCE/INTERNSHIP**

Students must complete the 100 Practicum hours before beginning the Field Experience/Internship is the culminating practice experience of your program. Each candidate is required to complete a School Counseling Field Experience/Internship. School counseling candidates have opportunities to demonstrate, under conditions of appropriate supervision, the ability to apply their knowledge, develop specific skills needed for effective school counseling service delivery, and to integrate competencies that address the domains of professional preparation and practice outlined as the goals and objectives of their training program (See pages 28 – 32 of this Handbook).

Candidates are expected to engage in a wide range of activities associated with the delivery of student support services. However, unlike the Practicum experience, school counseling candidates are expected to **engage directly with students and perform at a level that enables them to have greater depth of experience in service delivery activities.** In addition, candidates will apply knowledge and skills at an increasingly independent level of practice as directed by their supervisor, and develop increasing autonomy as the school counseling field experience/internship progresses.
Identification of professional goals is a critical part of maximizing the school counseling field experience/Internship experience. Working in conjunction with the NU program faculty and their field-based site supervisors, school counseling candidates will identify areas of practice in which they wish to have additional experience. Working together, the supervisors facilitate the school counseling candidate’s identification of goals and work toward their implementation. Because of the CTC diversity requirement, the Regional Clinical Practice Coordinators will be collecting data showing the ethnic, language, and poverty composition of the school where the candidate is completing their internship.

Program Option Requirements

Dependent on which program option each candidate is in, they will spend 200-600 hours engaged in counseling activities under the appropriate supervision of a professional in the counseling field.

Master’s Degree Only:

This option requires 200 hours of Field Experience/Internship supervised by a counseling professional with a Master’s Degree appropriate to the Field Experience/Internship setting (usually a Community College counselor). This determination will be made by your faculty advisor. Two additional elective courses are required to complete degree unit requirements. Refer to the current catalog for the approved courses.

Master’s Degree with PPS Credential in School Counseling or “Credential Only” Candidates

This option requires 600 hours of Field Experience/Internship working with school aged children and must be supervised by a professional school counselor with a Master’s Degree, PPS credential, and at least two years of school counseling experience appropriate to the Field experience/Internship setting. These hours must be attained at two different educational levels (elementary, middle school, and/or High School), 400 of the 600 hours must take place in a public Pre-K-12 traditional school setting, 200 hours maybe completed in a non-public school setting, such as a charter school, mental health facility THIS placement must be pre-approved by the Program Director or Director of Clinical Supervision.

Prerequisites to Beginning Field Experience/Internship

Before candidates can begin Field Experience/Internship, they must:

- Provide proof of Fingerprint Clearance through the CTC;
- Provide verification of a Negative TB test results;
- Complete prerequisite course work – At least 10 CED courses including the following: CED 607, 610, 611, 601 and 603 (excluding: CED 637, and 620);
- Complete 100 hours of logged, approved Practicum;
- Pass a Basic Skills Assessment (e.g. CBEST);
- Complete and submit an Field Experience/Internship application form (see section IV) to the Field Experience/Internship coordinator at least 45 days prior to starting Field Experience/Internship;
- Meet with the Field Experience/Internship Coordinator.
Field Experience/Internship Placement Process

Once the above items are appropriately submitted, the Credential Program Specialist will send an email to the candidate’s University Supervisor who will contact the candidate and get an approximate date for starting and ending the Field Experience/Internship hours. The University Supervisor will then submit a “SCOOD” and report this information back to the Credential Program Specialist in order for the Credential Program Specialist to add the Field Experience/Internship courses (CED616, CED617, CED618, CED619 and CED620) to the candidate’s schedule based on the approximated dates for each 200 hour Field Experience/Internship section. (Usually two months for each course)

Field Experience/Internship Policies

It is expected the candidate will complete the School Counseling Field Experience/Internship hours within a one-year period unless there is PRIOR APPROVAL by the University Supervisor/Lead Faculty. The School Counseling Field Experience/Internship may not be more than two consecutive years in completion. A minimum of eight hours in at least two-four hour blocks are required each week during Field Experience/Internship enrollment. Field Experience/Internship site holidays are an exception to this.

School Counseling Field Experience/Internships are completed in a school setting (Pre-K-12 public school: pre-school, elementary, middle school, high school) under the supervision of a PPS credentialed school counselor with a minimum of two years of experience. Up to 200 hours may be completed in an alternative setting that serves school age children. Acceptable alternative School Counseling Field Experience/Internship experiences may be acquired in (a) private, state-approved educational programs; (b) other appropriate mental health-related program settings involved in the education of pupils; (c) relevant educational research or evaluation activities; or (d) institution of higher education other than National University that serve school age children. The alternative site must be pre-approved by the Program Director or Director of Clinical Supervision.

***The Field Experience/Internship Coordinator, Faculty Advisor, or Program Director must approve School Counseling Field Experience/Internship sites. Approval is contingent upon (a) the site’s capacity to adequately provide the full range of experiences necessary to meet the objectives for the School Counseling Field Experience; and (b) a program agreement/contract between the site and the University is in place. It is recommended that the School Counseling Field Experience site not be in a school in which the candidate “is currently or has recently been employed. Dual roles and relationships will be prohibited. (National University catalog)

After the internship location and Site Supervisor have been selected, the University Supervisor, Site Supervisor and candidate meet and develop the School Counseling Field Experience/Internship Training Plan (See section IV). The plan is a means by which the School Counseling Field Experience/Internship candidate, site supervisor, and University Supervisor collaboratively determine and monitor the candidate’s training goals. Progress toward achieving the training goals is assessed twice during each School Counseling Field Experience/Internship section. Each of the University Supervisor’s site visits during the School Counseling Field Experience/Internship includes the candidate and site supervisor. The School Counseling Field Experience/Internship Plan also provides the basis for the candidate’s evaluation of the experience. It is the responsibility of the Site Supervisor to meet face-to-face with the School Counseling candidate a minimum of one hour per week and provide structured supervision. See the Roles and Responsibilities section to further understand the duties involved in site supervision. Progress toward achieving the objectives is assessed through subsequent site visits by the University Supervisor, Site Supervisor evaluations, and the candidate’s Self-Evaluation of
Most School Counseling field experiences are not a paid. If there are any negotiations about School Counseling internship salary and benefits between the prospective School Counseling candidates and the school district, please refer to the section on the Paid Internship Credential.

**Field Experience/Internship Courses** PPS Credential (600 hours)

Each candidate must enroll in CED 620 concurrent with enrollment in CED 616, CED 617, and CED 618.

CED 616 School Counseling Internship I (200 hours traditional placement) 4.5 Units and

CED 617 School Counseling Internship II (200 hours traditional placement) 4.5 Units and

CED 618 School Counseling Internship III (200 hours traditional placement) 4.5 Units

CED 620 Internship Seminar

This two month course is taken concurrently with the Field Experience/Internship classes. The course is 3.0 units.

**Internship Requirements for Master’s Degree only students:**

Each candidate must enroll in CED 620 concurrent with enrollment in CED 619.

CED 619 School Counseling Community College Internship (200 hours in a Community College setting) 4.5 Units OR

CED 616 School Counseling Internship I (200 hours traditional placement) 4.5 Units And

CED 620 Internship Seminar

This two month course is taken concurrently with the Field Experience/Internship classes. The course is 3.0 units.

**Field Experience/Internship Site**

The intern seeking credentialing as a school counselor must have Field Experience/Internship experiences in a PK-12 school setting. To ensure the intern a range of training experiences, the school-based Field Experience/Internship site(s) should have the availability of the following:

1. Children of all school ages which match statewide diversity (race, culture, language, poverty);
2. Pupil personnel services functioning with a team framework;
3. A full-range services for children with special needs of both high and low incidence as well as services to English Language Learners;
4. Regular and special educational services at the preschool, elementary, and secondary levels;
5. A credentialed school counselor having at least two years of full-time school counselor experience or the equivalent who serves as the site supervisor.
Note: The CTC (Commission Teacher Credentialing) requires experience with school age children at a minimum of two school levels (preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school).

Field Experience/Internship Site Visits

Face-to-face meetings between the University supervisor, the Site supervisor, and the candidate will occur at the Field Experience/Internship setting for the purpose of discussing the candidate’s progress. A minimum of two visits will occur for each section of Field Experience/Internship; however, any party may request an additional visit for support. Additionally, Site Supervisors and candidates are strongly encouraged to maintain regular contact with the University Supervisor regarding the candidate’s progress.

At the first meeting, which will occur during the first month, the requirements for the school counseling objectives and competency standards are discussed. A plan for meeting the objectives should be tentatively planned. During subsequent meetings, the candidate’s progress in each domain area will be reviewed. At the final meeting, which will occur during the last month, a determination is made whether the candidate has attained the competency level needed to function independently as a school counselor and apply for the state credential.

Field Experience/Internship Objectives and Competencies

During the Field Experience/Internship, candidates are expected to attain significant breadth and depth of skills in the following Objectives and Competency areas.

Objective 1 Each candidate will develop a functional understanding of the determinants of human behavior, including concepts of development and learning. (Standard 21 and 23)

Competencies:

- Review student cumulative academic records using this information to facilitate educational planning.
- Show appropriate counseling skills with students at different grade, age, and/or education levels.
- Teach an age appropriate guidance unit.

Objective 2 Each candidate will develop knowledge of social concerns (including but not limited to poverty, pregnancy, rape, child abuse, substance abuse, gangs, and suicide) and cultural diversity issues. (Standard 29) Your time under this objective must meet the following CTC requirements: Up to one hundred fifty (150) clock hours shall be devoted to issues of diversity. This may be satisfied with up to 100 clock hours in a diversity program or with the development and implementation of a program that addresses diversity issues. AND, at least fifty (50) clock hours shall be with at least ten (10) pupils (individually or in a group) of a racial and ethnic background different from that of the
Candidate. OR, all 150 clock hours with pupils of a racial and ethnic background different from that of the candidate.

**Competencies:**

- Conduct individual counseling sessions with at least ten (10) students who are either culturally, linguistically, or ethnically different from yourself.
- Participate in counseling sessions where one of the major social concerns is the focus.
- Develop an awareness of the pertinent and culturally, linguistically, or ethnically appropriate referral sources that are available to help students with their issues.

**Objective 3** Each candidate will develop knowledge of the development and management of School Counseling Programs designed to meet the needs of school youth. (Standard 22, 27, 28, 29)

**Competencies:**

- Teach a large group guidance unit.
- Develop a working knowledge of academic and counseling curriculum and academic offerings of the school program for the students.
- Conduct a visitation to a program for at-risk students.
- Participate in the implementation of a new program.
- Observe and/or participate in discussions of assessment/evaluation regarding the efficacy of existing programs.
- Post-secondary experiences should include experiences in Student Affairs of higher education.

**Objective 4** Each candidate will further develop and apply an understanding of the basic theories of individual counseling. (Standard 25) Your time under this objective must meet the following CTC requirements: Up to one hundred fifty (150) clock hours shall be devoted to issues of diversity. This may be satisfied with up to 100 clock hours in a diversity program or with the development and implementation of a program that addresses diversity issues. AND, at least fifty (50) clock hours shall be with at least ten (10) pupils (individually or in a group) of a racial and ethnic background different from that of the candidate. OR, all 150 clock hours with pupils of a racial and ethnic background different from that of the candidate.

**Competencies:**

- Conduct individual counseling sessions under the direction of the site supervisor.
- Interview and counsel with students regarding academic and personal problems.
Objective 5  Each candidate will further develop and apply an understanding of basic theories of group counseling and various other group techniques practiced by school counselors.  
(Standard 26)  Your time under this objective must meet the following CTC requirements: Up to one hundred fifty (150) clock hours shall be devoted to issues of diversity. This may be satisfied with up to 100 clock hours in a diversity program or with the development and implementation of a program that addresses diversity issues. AND, at least fifty (50) clock hours shall be with at least ten (10) pupils (individually or in a group) of a racial and ethnic background different from that of the candidate. OR, all 150 clock hours with pupils of a racial and ethnic background different from that of the candidate.

Competencies:

- Conduct parent, student, and teacher conferences.
- Participate in a series of group counseling sessions under the direction of the Site Supervisor and/or agent of an outside agency.
- Develop an awareness of the culturally, linguistically, or ethnically appropriate issues in group work.

Objective 6  Each candidate will further develop consultation, and conflict resolution skills.  
(Standard 21, 29)

Competencies:

- Conduct interviews with school counselors and school psychologists.
- Conduct counselor-counselor consultations regarding individual students.
- Consult with teachers regarding individual students.
- Seek out opportunities to work with the assistant principal or district counselor in highly charged conflict situations.
- Develop an awareness of the pertinent referral sources that are available to students and personnel in the district.
- Counsel students with discipline and attendance difficulties.
- Work with students who need to develop decision-making skills.

Objective 7  Each candidate will develop knowledge of legal, ethical, and professional issues as they affect the practice of counseling.  
(Standard 18, 22)

Competencies:

- Conduct interviews with school counselors, school psychologists, and school administrators regarding one or more legal, ethical, and professional issues.
- Conduct counselor-to-counselor consultations regarding legal, ethical, and professional issues for individual students.
• Seek out opportunities to work with the assistant principal or district counselor in highly charged conflict situations.
• Record incidences in which a professional issue influenced the counseling provided.

Objective 8  Each candidate will become familiar with individual and group assessment instruments and their applications in the school setting.  
(Standard 19, 24)

Competencies:
• Conduct an assessment of academic achievement of exceptional pupils with a variety of disabilities.
• Participate in administering and disseminating information regarding group assessment.
• Participate in an IEP development conference.
• Interview three (3) special education teachers about their students’ unique needs and then conduct a classroom observation of each class.

Objective 9  Each candidate will become acquainted with the use of computers and technology in the counseling duties. (Standard 30)

Competencies:
• Register and schedule a new student.
• Develop a working knowledge of the computer system being used at the school site.
• Conduct a group guidance lesson with the use of technology.
• Post-secondary experiences should include college level administrative duties

Objective 10  Each candidate will expand his/her knowledge of learning theory and skills in curriculum design for diverse classrooms and development of classroom intervention strategies. (Standard 23, 24)

Competencies:
• Develop and implement large group guidance lessons.
• Participate in SST and 504 meetings.

Objective 11  Each candidate will act as a professional leader implementing strategies to enhance the school counseling system at the school. (Standard 22, 17, 30)

Competencies:
• Assist school counseling team in program assessment.
• Assist with aligning program to professional standards.
• Share professional knowledge in the school community.
Objective 12  Each candidate will expand his/her knowledge of career education programs including theories, major concepts, and resource materials. (Standard 20)

Competencies:

- Preview guidance and career-related materials available in the district.
- Participate in a career education program.
  - Participate in a “college/career night.”
  - Review student cumulative and academic records using this information to facilitate the student’s career plan.

Objective 13  Each candidate will interpret social science research and applying the findings to professional practice.

Competencies:

- Implement results-based intervention.
- Assist in the development or evaluation of results-based intervention.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES DURING FIELD EXPERIENCE/INTERNSHIP

Candidates

- Successfully complete the requirements of CED 616, 617, 618, 619 and CED 620 including fulfilling the Field Experience/Internship objectives and competencies.

- Complete “Weekly Log of Hours, Field Experience/Internship in School Counseling” for 600 hours (or 200 hours for Master’s only candidates) and document satisfaction of objectives in your portfolio.

- Arrive at school in a timely manner for needed preparation. Candidate appearance, language usage, and mannerisms help to establish a professional demeanor and assist in building credibility with colleagues, administrators, teachers, students, and parents. Professional behavior includes being punctual, prepared, dependable, showing initiative and enthusiasm, and displaying the appearance and attitude of a school counselor. Abide by the regulations of the University and policies of the school district. Become familiar with the Code of Ethics of the School Counseling Profession.

- Set up a minimum of two hours weekly to conference with your Site Supervisor.

- Perform tasks responsibly and promptly, meeting school deadlines.
Get to know students, their names, interests, abilities, and needs. Respect the confidentiality of all privileged information.

Develop and practice school counseling skills while implementing your capstone project.

Demonstrate initiative. Contribute to school activities; participate in professional development opportunities, school meetings, parent conferences, and I.E.P. meetings.

Establish and maintain professional rapport with students, staff, administrators, and parents.

Communicate any concerns to the Site Supervisor and University Supervisor at the time that the concern arises.

Attend scheduled conferences with the Site Supervisor and University Supervisor to obtain feedback about log entries and evaluations.

Maintain communication with University Supervisor.

Reflect daily on your practice and the feedback you receive. Reflection and goals should focus on the California School Counselor Specialization Standards and the selection of artifacts for your professional portfolio.

Complete the following forms at the end of each internship section: Intern Assessment form, Site Review form, Reflection on Site Supervision, and NU Professional Dispositions form.

Attend and participate in CED 620 (Internship Seminar) and the exit interview.

Site Supervisor

As soon as possible candidate and begin to build rapport.

Inform the candidate of procedures and rules of the building (e.g. what time should they report in the morning? What is a casual day? How does the copy machine work?).

Share your office, your students, and your expertise.

Introduce candidates in such a way that they are accepted as school counselors.

Make time to conference with the candidate every week for at least two hours.

Provide guidance and encouragement, yet allow the candidate to experience the realities of school counseling.

Model effective multicultural counseling and bilingual counseling when appropriate.
• Encourage and assist in arranging for the candidate to visit a variety of classrooms for observations and interviews.

• Assign tasks that become more complex and address increasingly important aspects of delivering comprehensive guidance to students of varying backgrounds and abilities.

• Respect the limitations on the responsibility of the candidate. The candidate is not yet credentialed and as a candidate, is in a vulnerable position. The candidate should not be used as a credentialed counselor, a substitute teacher, or a coach. Candidates should not transport students. Candidates should however get significant time using 1-1 and group counseling skills as well as facilitating classroom lessons.

• Coach the candidate to address the school counselor specialization standards as they apply to the credential. Encourage gathering of experiences and artifacts for the candidate’s professional portfolio.

• Assist the candidate in creating a plan to meet the requirements of the **13 Objectives**.

• Review the candidate’s *NU Intern Assessment of Professional Competencies: Educational Counseling* at midterm and at the end of the term to set and review goals.

• Complete your version of the *NU Intern Assessment of Professional Competencies: Educational Counseling, and NU SOE Professional Disposition form* at the end of the term and provide a copy to the candidate and to the University Supervisor prior to online submission.

• Verify and sign the candidate’s *Weekly Log of Hours/Internship in School Counseling* each week. Complete the *Honorarium Form*, if you desire. In addition, complete and submit the online *Program Review Form: Nu Educational Counseling Program*. Give the Honorarium form and W-9 to the University Supervisor when the candidate completes Field Experience/Internship.

• Collaborate and communicate with the University Supervisor. Notify the University Supervisor, Field Experience/Internship Coordinator, and full time school counseling faculty about any problems immediately.

**University Supervisor**

• Place candidates in the appropriate school sites with Site Supervisors who are appropriately qualified.

• Provide materials, including the Educational Counseling Graduate Handbook and honorarium and W9 information to Site Supervisors.
Inform the principal, Site Supervisor, and the candidate about National University’s program and provide the Educational Counseling Graduate Handbook. Note the program goals, objectives, and required standards, use of logs, timelines, and reporting responsibilities.

Maintain open communications between school personnel, the site supervisor, and the candidate, responding to needs as they arise. Should a serious concern arise about a candidate’s performance, the University Supervisor should contact lead faculty immediately.

Visit a minimum of two times each Field Experience/Internship section. Meet with the candidate and the Site Supervisor to provide support and feedback. Schedule extra visits as necessary to support the candidate’s development.

Document visits on the University Supervisor Visitation Log and the Field Experience/Internship Training Plan.

Verify Intern’s time with the signed Weekly log. Sign the Summary of Field Experience/Internship Experiences School Counseling form at the end of the candidate’s internship. Submit to Internship Coordinator.

Complete the School Counseling Intern Assessment Form, Site Review form, each section.

Complete NU SOE Professional Dispositions form at the end of the Candidate’s internship hours.

Record grades using the National University online grading system and submit the completed Honorarium form and W-9 to the Field Experience/Internship coordinator within ten (10) calendar days after the ending date of the grading period.

If appropriate, review concerns regarding a candidate’s Field Experience/Internship and provide support. Meet with the candidate, Site Supervisor, and faculty advisor as appropriate in the process. (See “University Policy” section.)

Monitor observations and evaluations.

Attend National University Supervisor meetings as requested.

Field Experience/Internship Coordinator

- Clear candidates for Field Experience/Internship.
- Inform candidates about seminar course, CED 620.
- Provide handbooks for candidates and supervisors.
• Provide information as requested by candidates and supervisors regarding Field Experience/Internship.

• Submit Field Experience/Internship placement form to the credentials office for processing.

• Collect honorariums and mileage forms from university supervisors and send to appropriate office.

• Recruit, hire, and prepare instructors for CED 620, Internship Seminar in School Counseling.

**Faculty Advisor**

• Collaborate with Field Experience/Internship Coordinator recruit, hire and train new Field Experience/Internship Site Supervisors in collaboration with University Supervisors and school districts.

• Keep appraised of candidates needing extra assistance and/or on Candidate Assistance Plan and participate in any remediation plan conferences.

• Keep apprised of and respond to, the needs of all Supervisors and Candidates.

**PAID INTERNSHIP CREDENTIAL/DISTRICT SPONSORED PROGRAM**

This is a unique opportunity that is available to a limited number of candidates. To obtain an Internship Credential, a candidate must be offered a school counselor position by a school district and be accepted into the PPS Internship Credential Program at National University.

The University and the District collaboratively offer the Internship Program. Interns function as employees of the school district and the program is treated as an “overlay” to a credential program. All guidelines for the PPS credential in school counseling apply to the Internship Credential.

The Commission defines an intern as a person who (1) is enrolled in a Commission-approved internship program, and (2) is serving with an Internship Credential that has been issued on the recommendation of the University. Following the completion of an internship program, the successful intern may qualify for a credential to serve in a professional capacity in California public schools.

Private schools are not eligible to participate in the Internship Program.

The major differences between the internship program and the conventional program are: (1) the intern is compensated for service; (2) the interns can begin their internship hours at an accelerated rate; (3) the program is developed and implemented as a cooperative relationship between the University and the District; and (4) the internship is specifically designed to be a blend of theory and practice so that the intern can expeditiously acquire the skills that underlie effective professional practice.
Internship Credential Program Application Process

The University internship route provides an opportunity for candidates who have been offered employment to complete clinical practice, while employed in an appropriate position as a school counselor. This experience is a partnership between the candidate, National University, and the employer meant to support the candidate in an environment similar to that authorized by the credential obtained at the end of the program. Candidates on probation or permanent academic probation are not eligible for a National University internship program. Once intern eligible, candidates must apply for an Internship Credential which is valid for two years.

National University candidates who are interested in becoming a university intern must complete and show verification of all prerequisite requirements and go through the internship eligibility process to determine suitability for the internship program.

Requirements of the Internship Credential Program:

Prerequisite Requirements:

- Proof of Fingerprint Clearance through the CTC;
- Passage of a Basic Skills Assessment;
- Negative TB test (valid within the last four years);
- Letter of recommendation from the Principal or Administrator of the hiring school;
- Complete 10 CED courses including CED 610, CED 611, CED 603, and CED 601 (except CED 637, CED 694 and CED 620) if not completed the following will be required:
  - Completion of program prerequisites courses, CED 607 and four additional core CED courses;
  - Verification of two years relevant paid experience in a K-12 public school or related system or as a licensed counselor or therapist;
- Faculty approval of an American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Model essay;
- GPA (grades of “D” and “F” are not accepted);
- Possess a zero-account balance;
- Recommendation by NU Faculty Advisor.

Eligibility Requirements:

In addition to completion of all internship prerequisites, candidates are required to verify completion of the following Intern Eligibility:

- Verification of internship program prerequisites;
- Agreement on file between the employing District, School or Agency and National University;
- District or agency offer of employment for the intern as a full-time school counselor with a minimum of 10 hours per week;
- Verification of intern eligibility determined in a Faculty Advisor interview.
3.1.1 The University and the District certify that interns shall not displace certificated employees in the District. Assurance is given by District that no person with the appropriate credential is available and/or interested (per written statement) in the position being established by the District.

3.1.2 University stipulates that the internship program is being implemented to provide the intern with the opportunity to gain field practice experience on a paid basis. If the internship is being developed to meet an employment shortage, District agrees to provide a statement about the availability of qualified certificated persons holding the credential. The exclusive representative of certificated employees in the credential area is encouraged to submit a written statement to the Commission agreeing or disagreeing with the justification given.

3.1.3 The internship must be developed and implemented cooperatively by the University and District.

3.1.4 Candidates admitted to the internship program must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, and must have demonstrated subject matter competence.

3.1.5 The internship program must meet the same requirements as the “regular” credential program. The University authorizes the intern to assume the functions that are authorized by the regular standard credential.

3.1.6 The internship may be if two years, and the credential may be renewed for good cause.

3.1.7 The intern must receive the assistance, support, and evaluation of the University and District.

3.1.8 The salary paid to the intern is to be determined by the District and the intern.

3.1.9 University and District are required to allocate sufficient resources to the internship program.

3.1.10 Each candidate must have passed the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).

3.1.11 An Internship Advisory Council (IAC) must represent equally the University, District and the bargaining unit. The three members of the Council must function as partners in decisions regarding the development, approval, implementation, and evaluation of the program. Participating interns and non-educators are required to serve as advisors to the Internship Council. The IAC is to have minority and female representation consistent with the affirmative action plan of the University. The IAC is to have a means of receiving input and feedback from community persons and interns in the program.

3.1.12 The intern must be evaluated and graduates of the program must be surveyed in the same fashion as candidates and graduates of other credential programs.
3.1.13 The coordination of the program will include the University, District and the exclusive representative (if one exists) that represent persons who hold the PPS Credential in the District. If the PPS Credential holders are not represented by a bargaining unit, then PPS Credential holders are to be represented on the advisory body. Such a representative is to be elected to the advisory body through an election process.

3.1.14 When evaluating the qualifications of a candidate for an internship, the program’s admissions criteria will account for the increased responsibilities and accelerated pace that are encountered in the internship.

3.1.15 The internship is to include a preparation program that the credential candidate undergoes prior to assuming intern responsibilities. Additional or pre-employment preparation that may be identified as contributing significantly to the ability of the intern to be successful is to be included in the program. The program will provide awareness level instruction in all Candidate Competence and Performance Areas (Standard Category V or guideline Category B). The initial instruction will be followed by further instruction and experiences to bring the candidate to entry-level mastery.

3.1.16 District agrees to provide supervision for the intern.

3.1.17 University stipulates that the intern services meet the instructional or service needs of the District.

3.1.18 University and District certify that the intern does not displace certificated employees in the District.

Candidates must comply with the requirements of the CTC’s approved PPS internship credential program and collaborate in the implementation of the internship program.

**Participating Districts:**

Only public school districts or county offices of education may participate in the Paid Internship Credential Program. An Internship Partnership Agreement specifically identifies the public-school districts or county offices of education participating in the internship credential program. The application for the Paid Internship Credential Program is sent to the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing at the time of application.
This section contains all necessary forms to complete the Educational Counseling Master’s program at National University. Please note the rubric below contains the pages as well as needed information to be sure paperwork is submitted to the correct people at the correct time. Please note, this is subject to change and we suggest you return to the electronic version of the handbook at least at the beginning of each term to check for any changes.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is to confirm that _______________________________ is a candidate at National University and is currently earning a Pupil Personnel Services (PPSC) credential in School Counseling. National University is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

As part of the accredited program requirement, candidates must complete 100 hours of Practicum. These hours are reviewed by the university faculty. Any opportunities that you could provide for our candidates would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 858.642.8144 or by email at r nordgren@nu.edu.

Thank you,

Dina Pacis, Ed.D
Department Chair
Educational Administration, School Counseling/Psychology Programs
National University
11255 North Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla, CA 92037
## Monthly Log of Hours
### Practicum in School Counseling

Candidate Name: ____________________________  ID#: ____________________

Completed for course CED: ______ Term: ________ Course Instructor: ________________

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By signing this I indicate the following to be true:

These hours were completed as I have indicated above ________;  (initial)

I completed a reflection paper or other assignment as part of my course indicating how these cited hours relate to the course learning outcomes and the development of my knowledge, skills and/or disposition as a professional school counselor ________.  (initial)

Candidate Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________________
### Summary Log of Practicum Hours: School Counseling

**Candidate Name:** ___________________________  **ID #:** ___________________________

**Date:** From ___________________________ to ___________________________

**Candidate Signature:** ___________________________

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Sanford College of Education
SCHOOL COUNSELING
FIELD EXPERIENCE APPLICATION

Submit this form to a credential staff member 45 days prior to starting your internship hours.

Name: __________________________ ID#: __________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Phone (Home): __________________________________ Other: __________________________
E-mail Address: __________________________________________________________________

Field Experience Placement Request:
School Site/District Requested: ____________________________________________________
Site Supervisor (if known): __________________________________________________________
NU Field Supervisor Request (if known): ______________________________________________

Please check one:
  Master of Science Educational Counseling with PPSC Credential
  Master of Science Educational Counseling (no credential)
  Pupil Personnel Services Credential School Counseling (not concurrently enrolled in masters)

For Credential Office Use:
Internship Prerequisites:
  Acknowledgement of Terms & Agreements
  Fingerprint clearance or valid CA credential
  Basic Skills Assessment (e.g. CBEST)
  Negative TB test
  3.0 GPA (Grades of “D” and “F” are not accepted.)
  Successful completion of required coursework in School Counseling
  Current student account balance (no locks or holds)

CED 616: _______ Start date: _______ End date: _______ Course Number: _______
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Comments:

For Faculty Advisor/Director of Clinical Practice Use:

Completed and approved pre-internship experience 100 practicum hours relating to School Counseling

Faculty Advisor/Director of Clinical Practice Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM
University Supervisor Visitation Log

Candidate’s name: ___________________________ Candidate ID#: __________________

University Supervisor’s name: ___________________________

Internship Section (please circle): CED616  CED617  CED618  CED619

Site Visit Record

At the beginning of the Field Experience/Internship, an initial meeting was held on (date) at which the domains of practice and procedures for evaluation were explained to the candidate. The candidate had ample opportunity to raise questions or objections.

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Signature of candidate                      Signature of university supervisor

Site Visit Record

Approximately midway through the Field Experience/Internship a meeting was held on (date) during which progress toward achieving competence in the domains of practice was discussed. The candidate had ample opportunity to raise questions or objections.

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Signature of candidate                      Signature of university supervisor

Site Visit Record

A meeting was held on (date) during which time the University Supervisor observed the candidate practicing competence in objective _________ and a meeting was held to discuss the intern’s progress in all other domains. The candidate had ample opportunity to raise questions or objections.

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Signature of candidate                      Signature of university supervisor
# Weekly Log of Hours

**Field Experience/Internship in School Counseling**

**Candidate Name:** __________________________  **ID#:** __________________________

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*Use as many sheets as necessary to complete the week’s activities

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National University Education Counseling Program

This form is to be completed by the Candidate, Site Supervisor, and University Supervisor

NU Intern Assessment of Professional Competencies: Educational Counseling

* Candidate ID#

* Candidate Name

* Site Supervisor (last, first)

* University Supervisor (last, first)

* Form Completion Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

* Please select candidate’s program

* Please indicate who is completing this form.

* Course

* Regional Location

* Please rate the student on each item in the scale below in the areas of Counseling, Assessment, Ethics and Professional Behavior. See comment area below for written statements regarding strengths, or for improvement recommendations.

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* Please rate the student on each item in the scale below in the areas of Diversity, Leadership and Advocacy, Prevention and Intervention, Research, and Consultation. See comment area below for written statements regarding particular strengths, or for improvement recommendations.
Demonstrates multicultural competencies in relation to diversity, equity, and opportunity in student learning and development.

Understands the ways in which educational policies, programs, and practices can be developed, adapted, and modified to be culturally congruent with the needs of students and their families.

Understands multicultural counseling issues, as well as the impact of ability levels, stereotyping, family, socioeconomic status, gender, and sexual identity, and their effects on student development and achievement.

Recognizes the impact of own gender, culture, ethnicity, age, and beliefs on the counseling process.

Advocates for the learning and academic experiences necessary to promote the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students.

Advocates for school policies, programs, and services that enhance a positive school climate and are equitable and responsive to multicultural student populations.

Demonstrates the qualities, principles, skills, and styles of an emerging leader and can apply strategies of leadership to enhance the learning environment of schools.

Understands the important role of the school counselor as a system change agent.

Demonstrates the ability to use procedures for assessing and managing suicide risk.

Provides developmentally appropriate individual counseling which promotes the academic, career, and personal/social development of all students.

Organizes, leads, and evaluates group counseling experiences.

Organizes, leads, and evaluates developmentally appropriate classroom guidance experiences.

Understands the potential impact of crises, emergencies, and disasters on students, educators, and schools, and knows the skills needed for crisis intervention.

Applies relevant research findings to inform the practice of school counseling interventions and program.
Develops measurable outcomes for school counseling programs, activities, interventions, and experiences.

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Consults and collaborates effectively with parents, teachers, staff, and community-based organizations to promote student academic, career, and personal/social development.

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Understands and uses referral procedures with helping agents in the community (e.g., mental health centers, businesses, service groups) to secure assistance for students and their families as well as to improve student achievement and success.

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Understands the school counselors’ role and how to design, implementation, management, and evaluation of a comprehensive developmental school counseling program.

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Understands the school counselor’s role in student assistance programs, school leadership, curriculum, and advisory meetings.

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Understands and provides developmentally appropriate, proactive career and academic transition programs and counseling.

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Demonstrates knowledge of indicators of eating disorders, clinical depression, and substance abuse in the school population and developmentally appropriate responses.

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Understands the influence of multiple factors (e.g., abuse, violence, eating disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, childhood depression, substance abuse) that may affect the personal, social, and academic functioning of students.

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Knows the signs and symptoms of substance abuse in children and adolescents, as well as the signs and symptoms of living in a home where substance abuse occurs.

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Understands how to use student record management system of the school and use standardized, non-standardized assessment, and alternative data for student guidance and advocacy.

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Utilizes appropriate technology in counseling documentation, working with student information systems, and guidance and counseling interventions.

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Please note any special comments you would like to make regarding this candidate's behavior, performance and skills.

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* Indicates Response Required
Site Review Form: NU Educational Counseling Program

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* Candidate Name

* Form Completion Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

* University Supervisor

* Please indicate who is completing this form.

* Regional Location

* Class

* Site Supervisor email address

* School Site (Name and District)

* Site Supervisor

* Please choose the best answer for each of the following:

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How well did the site provide you/the candidate with space to effectively work with students?

I/the candidate was able to work with individuals from various cultural backgrounds.

The site promoted the development of a school counseling program based on the following areas of the ASCA National Model: Foundation, delivery, management and accountability.

The site provided the opportunity to practice individual counseling skills.

The site provided the opportunity to practice consultation skills.

The site provided the opportunity to practice group counseling skills.

The site provided the opportunity to provide classroom guidance lessons.

The site provided the opportunity to participate in leadership activities.

Please comment on any of the above ratings as you see appropriate.

What was the most valuable part of your experience at this placement?

What would you most want to change about your placement, if anything?

Would you recommend this placement for other Candidates in the future? Please explain and include any other general comments.
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# National University
## Education Counseling Program
### Candidate Reflection on Site Supervision

* Candidate ID#

* Candidate Name

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* Site Supervisor

* Please describe your perceptions of the supervision you received based on the following scale:

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The Site Supervisor provides a comfortable setting for me/the candidate to disclose my own/the candidate's concerns or "mistakes."

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor maintains confidentiality in regard to material discussed in supervision.

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor encourages me/the candidate to engage in professional behavior.

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor helps me/the candidate define and maintain ethical behavior.

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor helps me/the candidate understand and integrate a theoretical approach while providing me/the candidate freedom to develop a flexible and effective personal counseling style.

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor pays attention to both my/the candidate's concerns and those of the student.

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor focuses on both verbal and nonverbal behavior in me/the candidate's and my students.

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor provides me/the candidate opportunities to participate in a variety of leadership experiences (counseling advisory committee; counseling department meetings, PLC, SST)

Excellent  Good  Fair

Poor* You are required to comment with this rating

No opportunity to observe

The Site Supervisor provided the opportunity to practice and guidance in developing individual counseling skills.

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The Site Supervisor provided the opportunity to participate and guidance in developing leadership skills activities.

Excellent  Good  Fair

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No opportunity to observe

I/the candidate was encouraged to experiment with different techniques.
Suggestions were given to me/the candidate to improve my/the candidate's counseling skills.

The Site Supervisor recognized and encouraged further development of my/the candidate's strengths and capabilities.

The Site Supervisor provided me/the candidate useful feedback for improvement.

The Site Supervisor helped me/the candidate assess cultural and diversity issues that were encounter.

Overall, how would you rate the supervision you/the candidate received from the Site Supervisor?

For rating of poor, please explain how the issue was addressed.

What would you like the Site Supervisor to do more of?

What would you like the Site Supervisor to do less of?

Would you recommend this Site Supervisor for other Candidates in the future?

Please explain and include any other general comments.

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(To be filled out in the CED607, CED610 & Internship Courses)

* Candidate ID#

* Candidate name

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* Please select candidate's program

* Please indicate who is completing this form.

* Program Stage

* Regional Location

Other location

Please assess the candidate on each of the five dispositions in bold type.

* Committed to Life Long Learning

☐ Target: Often asks questions about and comments on classroom or school dynamics; shows a real interest in thinking about and discussing educational practices by initiating discussions often; demonstrates superior knowledge of subject and curriculum; describes realistic and specific workable plans for increasing his/her knowledge.

☐ Developing: Asks some questions about classroom or school dynamics; occasionally engages in thinking about and discussing educational practices; demonstrates knowledge of subject and curriculum, but is less certain of ways to increase his/her knowledge.

☐ Needs Improvement: Rarely asks questions about classroom or school dynamics; passes by opportunities to discuss educational practices; demonstrates inadequate knowledge of subject and curriculum, and/or has few ideas to increase his/her knowledge.

* Builds Collaborative Relationships

☐ Target: Models professional conduct; uses verbal communication that enhances interactions with students and colleagues; Recognizes and values interdependent, collaborative social interaction; values others ideas. Consistently engages in open dialogue and effective action to accomplish goals as part of a larger group. Behaves in ways that reflect an understanding of the relationship between own actions and the advancement of the profession.

☐ Developing: Conducts self appropriately; communicates effectively with students and colleagues; Aware of the need for interdependent, collaborative social interaction; listens to ideas of others. Engages in open dialogue and effective action to accomplish goals as part of a larger group. Behaves in ways that reflects an understanding of the relationship between own actions and the advancement of the group or profession.
Needs Improvement: Demonstrate unprofessional behavior; uses verbal communication that does not foster interaction; unaware of the need for interdependent, collaborative social interaction. Behavior does not reflect an understanding of self as representative of a group or the profession, Repeatedly waits for others to take the lead or hinders progress.

* Reflects on Practice

☐ Target: Consistently evaluates own performances with a critical lens, generates potential improvements or revisions, and applies them to future performances. Actively seeks further information and perspectives from others to evaluate own performance and demonstrates in-depth analysis and synthesis of viewpoints.

☐ Developing: Often evaluates own performances (e.g., interactions, written work, test results) with a critical lens, generates potential improvements or revisions, and often applies them to future performances. Is open-minded and positive when receiving feedback from others. Demonstrates the ability to act on suggestions.

☐ Needs Improvement: Does not provide any substantive suggestions for positive self-improvement and fails to see the need for positive change. Rejects suggestions from others directly or by failing to act. Offers excuses/assigns blame to others (e.g., students, parents, colleagues, supervisor) for negative results.

* Demonstrates Fairness and Equity

☐ Target: Interacts and responds with all students, colleagues, and parents fairly; looks for opportunities to enhance cross-cultural understandings; invites and integrates individual differences into the classroom or school environment; encourages cultural sensitivity and perspectives.

☐ Developing: Is aware of the need to interact and respond with all student, colleagues, and parents fairly; responds to opportunities to enhance cross-cultural understandings; recognizes individual differences; attempts to encourage cultural sensitivities and perspectives.

☐ Needs Improvement: Unfairly interacts and responds to students, colleagues, and parents; is unaware of opportunities to enhance cross-cultural understandings; is non-responsive to individual differences; misses opportunities to encourage cultural sensitivities and perspectives.

* Believe All Children Can Learn

☐ Target: Looks for and inquires about a variety of strategies to engage all levels of student abilities: Persists with students to try to help them understand; encourages students at all levels; seeks strategies to be more effective with all students.

☐ Developing: Recognizes and engages all levels of student abilities: Tries to help students that don’t understand; attempts to interact all levels of student abilities; seeks to help all students.

☐ Needs Improvement: Not engaging with students at all levels of student abilities: Easily frustrated when students don’t understand; focuses on higher level students only; isn’t aware of students who need help.

Please write your comment or suggestions regarding this candidate’s professional dispositions as you observed.

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* Internship Section

* District

* Grade Level

* School Site (Name)

* How many educational counseling candidates have you supervised from NU?

* How many educational counseling candidates have you supervised from organizations other than NU?

* Please give us your opinion of the National University Educational Counseling Program in the following areas:

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Please name an area of **strength** that you have noticed in the National University Educational Counseling program.


Please name an area for **improvement or growth** that you have noticed in the National University Educational Counseling program.
We like to keep our program updated and relevant. Please note any new trends or pertinent issues in the field or in your district.

* Would you accept another candidate from National University?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you indicated "no" on the question above, please specify why.

* Please fill out the e-mail address for the candidate's University Supervisor in the space below
The sole purpose of the email address is for confirmation of form completion. It will be separated from your responses.

* Indicates Response Required

Submit

Program Review Form: NU Educational Counseling Program
School Counseling Program
Exit Survey completed in CED620

W9 Form
Available in the Student Portal of the Educational Counseling Faculty Community or from the university supervisor
Exit Interview

After successfully completing Field Experience/Internship experiences, ___________________________________________

__________________________________________

(name)

__________________________________________

(ID #)

has participated in the National University Department of Educational Counseling exit interview by articulating mastery of the following Objectives:

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Comments:

1. All Field Experience/Internship logs, summaries and evaluations reviewed and approved
2. Portfolio reviewed and approved
3. Praxis Exam Passed- scores submitted to credentials for recording (Score = ________)

Interviewer Initials

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This candidate has has not successfully completed the National University credential program and is is not permitted to submit an application for the credential to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

__________________________________________

Signature of University Supervisor

__________________________________________

Signature of Candidate

After candidates have completed the Exit Interview, they should contact a Credential Program Specialist to submit their application for the credential.
National University Honorarium Form

Please complete the information below and return to your National University Supervisor for processing. See information page for common questions and details.

Supervising Teacher: ____________________________

Social Security Number: __________ __________

National University Supervisor: __________ __________

9-digit#: __________ __________

Social Security #: __________ __________

Grade Level of Supervision: __________ __________

Subject: __________ __________

Contact Information:

Daytime Contact #: __________ __________ __________ Ext.: __________

Email Address: __________ __________ __________

--- National University Supervisors ---

Indicate National University Course Section:

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Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________ __________

School Counselor or Psychologist: __________ __________ Date: __________ __________

National University Supervisor: __________ __________ Date: __________ __________
CANDIDATE ASSISTANCE PROCESS/PROCEDURES:

CANDIDATE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Should a candidate wish to make a formal complaint, the basic procedure, as identified in the SOE portion of the University Catalog, is as follows:

1. Discuss the issue with your instructor/professor.
2. If not satisfied, contact the local faculty advisor (as listed above) or the Program Lead Faculty.
3. If not satisfied, contact the Department Chair with a memo that outlines the complaint and the solutions proposed at the various levels; and the remaining objections.

CANDIDATES NEEDING REMEDIATION

National University is committed to maintaining high standards of quality throughout its School Counseling Program and recommending competent candidates to California Teacher Credentialing (CTC) who will add to the stature of the School Counseling Profession. If at any time during the program, candidates show a need for remediation during coursework, the Candidate Assistance Plan will be used. This event could be triggered by a number of circumstances including professional disposition to profession, professional ethics, and graded coursework. If at any time during the Field Experience/Internship candidates show a need for remediation, the Candidate Improvement Plan B form will be used (see Section IV for form).

National University
Sanford College of Education
Candidate Assistance Process and Procedures
July 2012

This document outlines the procedures for faculty and staff to follow in the School of Education Candidate Assistance Process. Information is provided for instructors to use as they help candidates at any point in the program. Every SOE program uses the same process.

University Policies and Procedures

• Faculty and staff should review the Policy and Procedures section of the catalog for information on dealing with Student Discipline, Academic Dishonesty, Civility, Reasons for Probation, and Suspension and Dismissal.
• The university also has procedures for requesting accommodations. Faculty should review this process and share the information with candidates as needed. The complete process for requesting accommodations is included at the end of this document.
• Although candidates should apply early for accommodations, they may also request a review of their needs for accommodations upon receipt of a Candidate Assistance Plan. The complete
process for requesting accommodations upon receipt of a Candidate Assistance Plan is included at the end of this document.

School of Education Procedures
In addition to university policies in these areas, the School of Education has established knowledge, skills and dispositions based upon the Conceptual Framework and the values of National University. These knowledge, skills and dispositions provide a foundation for the type of educator we wish to prepare for today’s schools.

Within the School of Education, each program has identified knowledge, skills and dispositions necessary for specific educational roles. The knowledge, skills and dispositions are based upon the unit’s Conceptual Framework, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) preparation standards, National Council on the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards and professional organization standards.

There may be times when candidates need assistance in order to more effectively demonstrate the appropriate level of knowledge, skills and dispositions for the role for which they are preparing. In these cases, the School of Education provides a Candidate Assistance Process that is progressive, based upon each program’s needs and individualized for each situation and each candidate.

Candidate Progress Alert
- Instructor becomes aware that a candidate needs assistance to effectively demonstrate the appropriate knowledge, skills and/or dispositions within his/her program, a Candidate Progress Alert will be initiated by that instructor. This is the first step in the Candidate Assistance Process that is intended to be supportive, based upon each program’s standards and individualized to the candidate.

- Candidate Progress Alert includes areas for attention, actions to be taken, due dates for completion and a section for evidence to be provided by the candidate in order to demonstrate growth. The form (located in Appendix A) includes the following:

  Reason for the Candidate Progress Alert: In what area is the candidate having concerns or making insufficient progress (e.g., coursework, professional dispositions)

  Evidence: Please attach or copy inappropriate communication leading to a Candidate Progress Alert. Also note any and all informal steps taken to alert the candidate that improvement is necessary. This may include meeting dates, e-mail notifications to the candidate, dates of phone calls made to the candidate, etc.

  Action(s) to be taken and due dates: What will the candidate do in order to learn more about appropriate knowledge, skills and dispositions? Some examples: Will they seek assistance from the Math or Writing Center? Observe a model professional and discuss the findings with you? Review the professional standards for the degree or program they are seeking and discuss them with you?

The form is to be completed using a word processor or typewriter—not handwritten.

- Candidate and instructor meet to review the Candidate Progress Alert to ensure that the information is clear, actions and due dates understood and signatures secured. A candidate’s signature on the Candidate Progress Alert acknowledges receipt of the Candidate Progress Alert. Some candidates may elect not to sign the Candidate Progress Alert. In those cases, that information is noted on the Progress Alert and a copy still given to the candidate.

- Instructors can either e-mail a copy of the form (either as a word document or pdf) or deliver a paper copy to the department contact. They then forward that information to a Credentials
Office member. Candidate Progress Alert is scanned into Singularity. Two Credentials Office staff receive notification of the Progress Alert and will forward information on Alerts that may need follow up by others to Department Chairs.

- Service indicators will be used to help note when a candidate has received a plan, or is still working on one.
- Instructor who initiates a Candidate Progress Alert is to notify the Course Lead.
- The Course Lead and instructor determine who is to follow up with the candidate if the activities will take longer than the length of the course.
- Note follow up information. The form notes the following areas:

  **Follow up: For example:** What was the outcome of the Candidate Progress Alert? Did the candidate complete the activities satisfactorily? Is the issue resolved? Is there additional follow up required? Will a Candidate Assistance Plan be completed as a next step?

* Math tutoring and the Writing Center are excellent resources to be used in helping candidates. Students within the SOE are encouraged to use these services.

**Candidate Assistance Plan**

A candidate assistance plan can be initiated either because a candidate has not successfully completed the Candidate Progress Alert, or if a candidate exhibits a noticeable lack of appropriate program knowledge, skills or dispositions.

- The Candidate Assistance Plan notes the specific areas for candidate improvement, actions to be taken for improvement and due dates.
- If the candidate has accommodations on file with the Office of Student Services, these are to be considered in the plan.
- Contact the department representative for assistance with the development of the following elements of the plan:
- **Action(s) to be taken, evidence to be provided and due dates:** For example, is the candidate to observe several model professionals and write a one page summary of how the actions of the professionals aligned with the preparation standards? Is the candidate to review specific content from a course and then prepare a product (such as a lesson plan or agenda for a meeting) to show growth? Is the candidate to review three websites for strategies for anger management and then prepare a reflection on how they will incorporate some of those strategies into their professional life?
- Appropriate instructor meets with candidate to ensure that the information is clear, the plan and due dates appropriate and signatures secured. A candidate’s signature on the Candidate Assistance Plan acknowledges receipt of the plan. Some candidates may elect not to sign the Candidate Progress Alert. In these cases, that information is noted on the Progress Alert and a copy is still given to the candidate.
- A copy of the Candidate Assistance Plan is filed in Singularity and a notice of the file is shared with the appropriate Department Chair and the Office of Student Services.
- If a candidate has not previously requested accommodations with the Office of Student Services, they may do so upon receipt of a Candidate Assistance Plan. The process and timelines for that process are noted at the end of the procedures.
- The instructor initiating the Candidate Assistance Plan is to notify the Course Lead for notification of the process.
- Each department will determine and publish in Appendix B of this document the designated faculty for follow up.
- Follow up activities should be followed up on or before 45 days of the plan being signed.
- Resolution of the Candidate Assistance Plan is to be recorded on the plan as follows:
**Follow up:** What was the outcome of the Candidate Assistance Plan? Did the candidate complete the activities satisfactorily? Is the issue resolved? Is there additional follow up required?

**Unsatisfactory Completion of Candidate Assistance Plan**
- Candidate has not satisfactorily completed a Candidate Assistance Plan
- Candidate is notified that the plan and all evidence as well as a recommendation for candidate status are being forwarded to the Program Lead and Department Chair.

**Dismissal**
- Program Lead and Department Chair review plan and evidence. They make a recommendation to the Dean with a copy to the Office of Student Services
- Dean determines action and notifies candidate by mail.

**Examples of instances that call for a Candidate Program Alert, Candidate Assistance Plan or both SOE and National University Procedures**

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*In extreme cases, such as violence, bullying or instance of illegal behavior, the department chair should be consulted and the candidate recommended for program dismissal immediately.*

**Requesting Accommodations**
Students with disabilities should request accommodations early in the program. They do so by submitting an application for accommodations to the National University Office of Scholarships and Special Services (Special Services). Applications for accommodations for a disability may be requested from the Office of Scholarships and Special Services, National University, 11255 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037-1011, Phone: (858) 642-8185. Students seeking special accommodations due to a disability must submit an application with supporting documentation to Special Services.

Requesting Accommodations upon Receipt of a Candidate Assistance Plan (required by OCR)

Students with disabilities who wish to apply for accommodations to a Candidate Assistance Plan (Plan) may do so through submitting an application for accommodations to the National University Office of Scholarships and Special Services (Special Services). Applications for accommodations for a disability may be requested from the Office of Scholarships and Special Services, National University, 11255 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037-1011, Phone: (858) 642-8185. Students seeking special accommodations due to a disability must submit an application with supporting documentation to Special Services.

The application will be reviewed within fourteen (14) days of receipt by the Committee for Students with Disabilities (CSD). The CSD will engage in an interactive process with the student regarding the accommodations request and determine the appropriate accommodations to be administered during the Plan. Once the CSD determines the appropriate accommodations, written notification is sent within seven (7) days to the student and faculty responsible for the implementation of the Plan.

Following receipt of the CSD notification, the faculty responsible for implementing the Plan will schedule a formal meeting with the student to review the Plan and the approved accommodations. The timeline for completion of a Plan is halted during the accommodations application and review process, and begins following the formal meeting. If the accommodations request is not approved, the timeline for completion of the Plan begins upon receipt of the CSD’s notification letter. If a student is denied accommodation(s) or believes that the accommodation afforded is insufficient, the student may appeal to the Vice President for Student Services, who will render a decision within seven (7) days of receipt of the appeal or prior to the start date of the next course, depending on which occurs first. The decision of the vice president is final. The timeline for completion of a Plan is also halted during the appeals process.

If a student believes that accommodations approved by Special Services have not been implemented in the Plan, they should immediately contact Special Services. The timeline for completion of the Plan is halted during this process. Special Services will contact the instructor to resolve the student’s concern and ensure the approved accommodations are properly implemented. Special Services will provide the student with notification of progress, findings, or resolution within fourteen (14) days. If either the student or Special Services feel that a satisfactory resolution is not reached, the student may appeal to the Vice President for Student Services, who will render a decision within seven (7) days of receipts of the appeal. The decision of the vice president is final. If the complaint is not satisfactorily resolved at the University level, the student may choose to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, 50 Beale Street Suite 7200, SF, CA 94105, Phone: (415) 486-5555, E-mail: ocr.sanfrancisco@ed.gov. The timeline for completion of a Plan is also halted during the appeals process.
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The ASCA National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs