

**National Taiwan Normal University**  
**Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling**  
**Doctoral Part-Time “Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology” Course Essentials**

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To align with the implementation of “Advanced Practicum in Counseling Psychology (I), (II)” for first-year doctoral students, the course essentials of “Advance Psychological Counseling Practicum” are delineated. They serve as referencing criteria for students who are selecting agencies for part-time practicum training. Any public or private medical hospitals and clinics registered with the government, agencies, universities, colleges, higher education institutions, and high schools that meet the following conditions are qualified to be counseling psychology practicum placement agencies for part-time first-year doctoral students in the Department.

1. The Agency provides services that include mental health and related services, and the Agency has an established modus operandi or scheme for practicum training.
2. The Agency must have at least two full-time staff who are counseling psychologists with a master’s or more advanced degree.
3. The Agency must have designated personnel who coordinates the operational business for counseling practicum training.
4. The Agency must have designated or contracted personnel to provide supervision and vocational training for the practicum trainee. In principle, the supervisor must fulfill one of the following two qualifications, and the application for the academic year must be approved by the course instructor:
  - a. a psychologist license or at least 10 years of practitioner experience in counseling psychology;
  - b. a doctorate in counseling psychology or related fields, AND at least 3 years of practitioner experience in counseling psychology.

Students who need to change practicum agency due to special circumstances must first secure the consent of both the course instructor and the initial practicum placement agency. In principle, students are only allowed to change practicum agency once.

5. The Agency must enable practicum trainees to provide at least 3-4 hours of direct services to individual cases per week (or individual cases that amount to at least 45-50 direct service hours for each semester).

6. The Agency must agree to provide at least 200 hours per year (or 100 hours per half a year) of practicum training experiences, which must include at least 90 hours per year (or 45 years per half a year) of direct services to individual cases (one-on-one counseling or psychotherapy), 60 hours per year (or 30 hours per half a year) of supervision and professional training, and 50 hours per year (or 25 hours per half a year) of related professional service experiences. Each week the Agency should engage practicum trainees in 6-8 hours (about two half-a-days) of practicum duties.
7. The Agency agrees to provide an appropriate occupational title to practicum students (e.g., practicum counseling trainee), audio or video-recording facilities, and office equipment and furniture such as a desk and a chair.
8. Priorities are given to practicum placement agencies that can provide relevant benefits (e.g., school bus, meal, lodging, etc.) to practicum trainees.
9. The Agency provides trainees practicum duties which include, at the minimum, the following experiences:
  - a. Individual, marital, or family counseling and psychotherapy;
  - b. Group counseling and psychotherapy;
  - c. Individual evaluation and psychological assessment;
  - d. Psychological consultation, mental health education and prevention promotion;
  - e. Professional administration of counseling agency or department unit;
  - f. Other electives related to counseling psychology, including crisis management, case management, etc.
10. The Agency can provide practicum trainees the following supervision and vocational training:
  - a. A minimum of 1 hour per week of individual supervision (or the Agency can allow the practicum trainee to hire an external supervisor who can provide professional supervision);
  - b. Weekly case conference, group supervision, topical workshop, or other professional training and advanced courses related to various psychological services, such as book club, psychotherapy training videos and discussion, group observations, etc..
11. This course can be counted as the part-time counseling practicum course that fulfills domain seven of the counseling psychology core curriculum required for the counseling psychologist examination.