Description: Placement A - Practicum

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COU     | 8372    | 41075 | 1, 2005 | EXT  | 1.00  | Toowoomba

Academic group: FOSCI  
Academic org: FOS005  
Student contribution band: 1  
ASCED code: 090513

STAFFING
Examiner: Graeme Senior

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: PSY4020 and PSY8040 Co-requisite: COU8371

RATIONALE
This practicum builds on the counselling and assessment knowledge acquired in COU8371 but focuses on the application and demonstration of skills in the clinical setting.

SYNOPSIS
This practicum course provides students with a structured situation in which to develop counselling and assessment skills in a new setting. Throughout the course of the practicum should be approaching autonomous work. While still in a structured environment, the students are expected to take on a progressively more independent role in their counselling and assessment practices. The emphasis is on skill development and frequent supervision sessions are expected.

OBJECTIVES
At the end of the practicum, students will be able to:

1. demonstrate a broad range of counselling and assessment competencies.

TOPICS

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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search’ facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code’ (no spaces).

Appropriate reading will be negotiated with supervisor.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Directed reading as assigned by the students’ supervisors. Students will also consult relevant Psychological Journals.

STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES

1. Refer to the Examiner for information about this due date.
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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   To maximize their chances of satisfying the objectives of the practical component of the course, students must attend and actively participate in the placement.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each assessment satisfactorily, students must (i) attend and participate in the mid-placement interview and be judged as making satisfactory progress by the students’ supervisors to gain the 1 mark for that assessment item and (ii) be assessed as having satisfactorily achieved the predetermined criteria for each placement objective in the Final Placement Evaluation.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
Students must complete the practicum requirements as specified in their contract. Failure to do so will result in a Fail grade.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
To be assured of receiving a passing grade in this course, students must obtain a Satisfactory standard on the Final Placement Evaluation.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
As P is the only passing grade available for this course, all students who are qualified for a passing grade will be given a grade of P. Other students will be given either a Failing grade or an Incomplete grade.

6 Examination information:
There is no examination in this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
There will be no Deferred or Supplementary examinations in this course.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ Handbook.

**ASSESSMENT NOTES**

9 A contract will be drawn up between the Singapore supervisor, the off-campus supervisor and the student regarding supervisory and placement requirements and submission dates for placement reports.

10 Assessment 1 is the Mid-Placement Interview with supervisors in the setting to determine the student's progress.

11 Assessment 2 is the Final Placement Evaluation from the community supervisor based on predetermined criteria for each placement objective.