

Course Objectives

Students will

1. Become familiar with the nature and scope of the agency's programs and services.
2. Develop a positive rapport with people served by the agency on an individual and/or group basis.
3. Develop effectiveness as a team member with agency staff.
4. Demonstrate responsible and professional attitudes and behaviour.
5. Become familiar with the individual service planning process utilized by the agency.
6. Assist in the implementation of existing programs/strategies designed to achieve the individuals' goals.
7. Apply theory to practise:
 - a) interpersonal skills
 - b) behavioral skills
 - c) values
 - d) health issues
8. Develop and implement a plan to meet relevant personal learning objectives that have been identified by the student for him/herself.

Assignments

1. Student Self-Reports

Self-reports force you to address directly, the RP2306 course objectives and demonstrate learning relevant to each of those objectives. You must identify and describe specific behaviors relevant to each course objective.

Each self-report requires that you describe:

- a) the situation (context),
- b) your behaviour (what you did - be specific),
- c) what you learned,
- d) how you will use your new knowledge.

Self-reports are not intended to be restricted to descriptions of things you did well. What is really important is what you learned and how you will use your new knowledge. When you look back on your day you may find yourself wishing you had done something differently. Write those situations up as self-reports, too. A great deal of practical learning occurs in response to our mistakes. Capitalize on those opportunities.

Self-reports do not have to be about "earth shattering" events. You should be working to achieve the course objectives throughout your daily routines and/or experiences and, most of your self-reports, will concern those day-to-day events. If, however, something "out of the ordinary" (positive or negative) does occur, be sure to include a self-report describing that event and your response (behavior) to it.

You are required to complete a minimum of 30 self-reports as follows:

Objectives 1-6: Each of these objectives must be addressed by at least **2 self-reports**.

Objectives 7a,b,c: Each of these objectives must be addressed by at least **5 self-reports**.

Objective 7d: At least **3 self-reports** must address this objective

At least 5 self-reports must be submitted to your practicum instructor each week.

Note: You will need to use both RP2306 and RP2406 to complete assignments 2, 3, and 4. At least one of these assignments **MUST** be completed on **EACH** of your second year practicum. All three assignments must be completed before credit will be granted for RP2406.

2. Personal Objectives

Formulate and write two personal objectives relating to your practicum experience.

Please include:

- a) your personal objective
- b) how you will accomplish it
- c) how you will know if you accomplished it

3. Ecological Inventory

An Ecological Inventory Discrepancy Analysis must be completed in either RP2306 or RP2406. Detailed assignment guidelines will be provided.

4. A.B.A. Programming Assignment

An Applied Behavior Analysis program designed to INCREASE a behavior or to TEACH a new skill must be completed in either RP2306 or RP2406. Detailed assignment guidelines will be provided.

Field Placement Evaluation

Agency personnel complete a Practicum Evaluation Form for each student they supervise.

Faculty evaluate students based on observations of strengths and needs in the field and on attainment of course objectives as demonstrated in student self-reports. The extent to which the student uses supervision to maximize learning is also taken into account in the faculty evaluation. Students are expected to be prepared to address specific issues and to review data sheets during in faculty practicum visits.

Credit Requirements

RP2306 Practicum is credited on a pass/fail basis. Successful completion of the practicum requires that the student be credited with successful completion of ALL assignments and evaluations.

Rules and Regulations

1. Attendance is mandatory. Students absent due to illness must notify their **practicum instructor** and their **agency supervisor** PRIOR to the students' expected time of arrival. Students are expected to make personal appointments outside of course time.

Failure to comply with the above will result in unexcused absences. Three unexcused absences may result in course failure.

2. Illness or absence in excess of ten percent of the hours required for the practicum will be expected to be made up.