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PURPOSE OF THE HANDBOOK

This handbook is intended to serve as a guide for doctoral students and faculty in the Division of Counseling and School Psychology at Alfred University. The students and faculty may find it useful as a reference in planning coursework and advising. The handbook contains information on Division procedures and regulations but does not cover every possible situation. Consultation with the student’s advisor, Program Director, Division Chair, or Dean of College is recommended for further clarification of a particular issue. The Graduate School Catalogue should also be consulted for general requirements of the graduate degree and particular time schedule for degree requirements. Careful study of these sources will aid in long range planning of a student’s graduate program.

It is expected that new students will read this handbook and return to the division chair a signed statement that they have done so. The handbook and blank statement form are given to students at orientation.

PHILOSOPHY AND AIMS OF THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The Alfred University doctoral program in school psychology follows a practitioner-scientist model in seeking to accomplish its stated mission of “preparing psychologists for applied professional practice in schools and other child and family oriented settings.” The philosophy, goals and objectives, and experiences serving this mission are discussed below.

Science and Practice. School psychologists are applied health service psychologists whose practice is tied to both content and process. That is, school psychologists access the theory and knowledge base of psychology and education in carrying out their professional functioning, while at the same time conducting their professional activities in the manner of a scientist. They recognize the bidirectional nature of science and practice, and the importance of tailoring the application of knowledge to important personal, system, and ecological-contextual features. They need to be creative and even artistic in exploiting knowledge and compensating for gaps and weaknesses in theory and research in order to impinge on immediate and long range problems of children, families, and schools. In this
sense, school psychologists are “psychoeducational designers,” performing a function within the dynamic relationship of psychological theory and practice similar to that performed by an architect-engineer in the relationship between physics and the behavior of matter in natural environments. School psychologists are psychoeducational designers who bridge the gap between psychological science and professional practice in the synergistic context of schools, children, families, communities, and cultures.

Within this philosophical framework, the Alfred University School Psychology Program seeks to prepare applied, problem-solving psychologists. Drawing on the knowledge base of psychology and education, we expect our graduates to apply that knowledge in a manner that takes into account the cultural, economic, socio-political, and multiple-systems contexts in which the problems of children and families occur. Recognizing the broad range of possible avenues to promote child-enhancing change, as well as the varied obstacles that exist, we seek to prepare graduates with an array of knowledge, personal characteristics, and professional skills to participate in traditional, alternative, or innovative practice environments. In this sense we seek balance throughout the program between: basic science and practical skills, research and practice, school and clinic practica, traditional and alternative approaches, assessment and intervention, direct and indirect intervention, and contrasting theoretical points of view. Broad competence coupled with interpersonal skill facilitates the functioning of our graduates as agents of positive change in the variety of systems and contexts in which they may eventually practice.
**Mission Of the Program**

Preparation of psychologists for applied professional practice in schools and other child and family-oriented settings.

**Goals and Objectives**

**Goal A**: To produce psychologists with the personal qualities, interpersonal skills and awareness, and the ethical sensitivity predictive of success in a broad array of social, economic, and political contexts.

- **Objective A1**: Students will develop an understanding of service delivery programs within a context respectful and appreciative of individual and cultural diversity.
- **Objective A2**: Students will develop an awareness that their personal characteristics and interpersonal skills affect the quality, social validity, and acceptability of the services they provide.

**Goal B**: To produce psychologists competent to access a broad range of theoretical and practical approaches with sufficient depth to be effective, flexible practitioners.

- **Objective B1**: Students will develop proficiency in traditional and emerging approaches to the assessment and evaluation of children's academic, behavioral, and emotional problems.
- **Objective B2**: Students will develop proficiency in the design and development of programs to intervene both directly and indirectly with children's academic, behavioral, and emotional problems.

**Goal C**: To produce psychologists competent in the conduct, comprehension, and application of research to professional practice.

- **Objective C1**: Students will acquire a foundation in the scientific knowledge base of psychology and education.
- **Objective C2**: Students will develop proficiency in the conduct, dissemination, and application of research related to professional practice.

**HISTORY AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ALFRED UNIVERSITY**

Founded in 1836, Alfred University is the oldest coeducational institution in New York State and the second oldest in the nation. The undergraduate student body numbers
approximately 2,000, with approximately 300 graduate students. The University grants bachelors, masters, specialist, and doctoral degrees. The 50-building, 232-acre hillside campus adjoins the village of Alfred, located between the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains and the Finger Lakes region.

The University is comprised of the privately endowed College of Professional Studies, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the public sector New York State College of Ceramics (Inamori School of Engineering and the School of Art and Design). The Division of Counseling and School Psychology is part of the College of Professional Studies.

A training program for school psychologists was established at Alfred University in 1952. Alfred’s School Psychology Program is one of the oldest and most respected programs in New York State and is approved by the New York State Department of Education. Graduates of the Alfred University program will be able to meet the certification requirements of most State Departments of Education, as well as National Certification by the National School Psychology Certification Board of the National Association of School Psychologists. Additionally, graduates of the doctoral program will be New York State license eligible. If the prospective student has prior knowledge of the state in which he or she desires to be employed, it is advisable to obtain a copy of that state’s current certification standards and to consult with their advisor to best plan the program of studies.

**ACCREDITATION**

While working toward the doctoral degree, students typically complete our NASP-approved specialist program in school psychology. The doctoral program itself is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). If students have questions about APA accreditation, they may contact the Commission on Accreditation (COA) at:

**Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation**  
750 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-4242  
Phone: 202-336-5979  
Fax: 202-336-5978
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Alfred Unit Coordinator, Empire State College

THE ALFRED UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

The training required for a professional career in psychology is different from that experienced as an undergraduate. Students are expected to perform competently in academic courses, practicum activities, and assistantship activities. It is important that students demonstrate initiative in approaching faculty concerning course content issues,
asking for feedback, and planning programs in special areas of interest. Motivation is necessary for development into a professional school psychologist. Obtaining an advanced degree is not merely a matter of accumulating a minimum number of semester hours. Collaboration with other students in professional activities is encouraged. Attendance at the student cohort meetings, contributions to committee projects, and participation in faculty-student activities are opportunities for peer interaction outside the classroom. Considerable education as well as support for one another is gained through informal gatherings.

**THE ALFRED UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM (120 credits)**

The Psy.D. program in school psychology is designed to prepare psychologists who will practice advanced skills in schools and other child and related settings. Graduates will be prepared to perform such professional roles as: (1) psychologists in applied research; (2) professionals in higher education involved in the training of future educators and clinicians; (3) supervising psychologists; (4) program evaluators; and (5) psychologists in schools, child and family treatment agencies, hospitals, and private practice.

A minimum of 90 credits of coursework beyond the baccalaureate degree must be completed in addition to one year of internship (18 credits) and a minimum of 12 credits of dissertation. As specified by University regulations, all work for the degree must be completed within 7 years from the date of the start of the program. Every student must fulfill a residency requirement, which requires enrollment as a full-time student for two consecutive semesters. Continuous registration (minimum 3 credits per semester) throughout the program is also required. Thus, this is minimally a four-year program, with three years of coursework, including approximately 800 hours of supervised practica experience, at least one year of full-time residency, and then a year-long full-time internship. The content of the coursework will be a balance of scientific bases and professional applied psychology. Students are encouraged to develop an area of special interest through a combination of coursework, field experience, research, and independent study. It would be typical for the student’s research to support the development of such a special interest. At the successful completion of the first two years of course work (64
credits), including the Qualifying Examination, the Master of Arts degree in school psychology will be awarded. After completion of their internship, students will be awarded the Certificate of Advanced Study. In addition, a third year of course work, a doctoral qualifying examination, and a written dissertation will be required. These program components are elaborated upon in the following sections. The following are the course requirements for the Psy.D. program (Course Descriptions are found in Appendix A).
### Basic Science Areas

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PSYC 658**  3  Clinic Practicum I
PSYC 659**  3  Clinic Practicum II
PSYC 661  1-3  Advanced Practicum I (elective)
PSYC 662  1-3  Advanced Practicum II (elective)
PSYC 669  9  Pre-doctoral Internship in School Psychology I
PSYC 670  9  Pre-doctoral Internship in School Psychology II

**Noted in the Applied Professional Psychology sequence as well.

**Dissertation Credits**

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**Electives – 9 credits are required**

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY**

A series of advanced seminars will be offered on a variety of topics based on the interests of students and faculty. These are examples of what may be available.

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION/ READING**

*These classes will vary from year to year - check with your advisor.*

**MASTER’S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

*These classes will vary from year to year - check with your advisor.*

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SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR A FULL-TIME STUDENT'S PROGRAM

Note: The following is the typical course sequence for doctoral students, and all listed courses are required. There may be occasional variations in the timing of when courses are taken, due to availability of instructors, offerings of elective courses, previous graduate level courses taken by students, etc. Students will not receive credit for any courses which are taken to meet prerequisites for program admission.

**Typical Course Sequence**

**Year 1**

**First Semester**

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**Year 2**

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Year 3

Fifth Semester
3 Statistical Analysis & Research Design III  PSYC 673
3 Research in School Psychology  PSYC 674
3 Supervision/Administration of Psychological Services  PSYC 692
6 Dissertation  PSYC 699
3 Elective
18 credits

Sixth Semester
2 Seminar in Cultural Diversity  PSYC 602
3 Social Psychology and Behavior  PSYC 608
3 History & Systems of Psychology  PSYC 611*
6 Dissertation  PSYC 699
3 Elective
17 credits

Year 4

Seventh Semester
9 Pre-doctoral Internship in School Psychology I  PSYC 669

Eighth Semester
9 Pre-doctoral Internship in School Psychology II  PSYC 670
18 credits

Total 120 credits (minimum)

Year 5 (if applicable)

Note: Beginning in Year 5, all students must enroll each semester for a minimum of 3 credits until the completion of all program requirements.

Note: All School Psychology program courses (unless marked *) are open only to matriculated school psychology students. PSYC 606, 607, 609, 611, 626, 639, and 671 are available to any non-matriculated graduate student or any matriculated graduate student at Alfred University with the permission of the instructor and division chair.
Note: There might also be a possibility for a student to do the Internship in School Psychology half-time during years three and four while continuing to take courses both of those years.

**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

**Certification as School Psychologist**

Graduates of the Alfred University School Psychology program will have completed the academic requirements for permanent certification awarded by the New York State Education Department after 2 years of work experience. Immediately upon completion of internship, students will receive a provisional certification from the State Education Department. In addition, the Master’s/CAS program is approved by NASP, so students are eligible for National Certification.

**Licensure as Psychologist**

Graduates of the doctoral program will have fulfilled the curriculum requirements as well as the first year of supervised experience (internship) to be license eligible in New York State. New York State requires 3500 hours of supervised work experience before licensure may occur. A maximum of 1750 hours may occur before obtaining one’s doctorate. In addition, there is a state-administered licensing examination. Further information and application materials can be obtained from the State Education Department at (800) 342-3729 or (518) 474-3817, or through their website (www.op.nysed.gov).

**Counseling and School Psychology Governing Committee (CSPGC)**

The CSPGC is the operating committee for the program, overseeing program policy, procedure, and curriculum. Its membership includes the faculty of the Division of Counseling and School Psychology, the chairperson of the Division of Psychology, one representative from the faculty of the Division of Psychology, and the Dean of College of Professional Studies, ex officio.

Elected student representatives may bring issues to the CSPGC and attend meetings where such issues are discussed. Any individual student can bring an issue to the
Committee for discussion or consideration through the class representative.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- **Class Attendance** - Attendance at all classes is expected.
- **Writing Style** - All papers written for courses in the program are to be prepared according to the style presented in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). This is especially important in any paper in which you are using articles, texts, etc., as sources. You must carefully note and credit original sources.
- **Secretarial Services** - Students may not use the Division secretarial services unless they are doing work specifically and directly for a professor in conjunction with their assistantships.
- **Photocopying and Printing – Student Printing Quota at Libraries and Computer Labs** - Graduate students have a quota of 800 pages per semester. Students are able to print the number of allotted pages, after which they are able to buy additional printed pages through a secure Web page that is linked to their Banner student accounts. The cost per page is 3 cents (for both single-sided and duplex printing). To learn more about the print management program and how to decrease the number of pages you print, please visit the ITS Print Management Page: [http://our.alfred.edu/its/index.cfm/fuseaction/IT.printmanagement.cfm](http://our.alfred.edu/its/index.cfm/fuseaction/IT.printmanagement.cfm).
- **Telephones** - Telephones in the Division Office may not be used for personal calls. Students are to make no local or long distance calls, unless in conjunction with their duties as a graduate assistant.
- **Lounge** - Room 401 of the Science Center is a lounge for student and staff use. There are some basic guidelines for the care and use of the room.
  - Lounge use is a privilege
  - **Everyone washes their own dishes**: We do not leave them in the sink
  - Please keep noise down - classes are in progress
  - Each 1st-year student is responsible to sign up for lounge duty one week per semester. The Division secretary will pass out a signup sheet at orientation.
Duties include:
- Making sure the lounge is picked up and neat.
- Cleaning and turning off coffee pot at the end of the day.
- Putting away dishes/silverware.
- Making sure all tables, microwave, and toaster are clean.

- **Student Work Room** - Room 401B of the Science Center is a graduate work room.

Please observe some basic guidelines:
- Be considerate of others by visiting in the lounge area, not the study room.
- Use care with the computers and report any problems to the Division Secretary.
- Room is to be locked at night.
- If room is locked, Division Secretary will open it for students.
- Computers and printers are provided by the division for grad student use. Use for course and GA work has priority. **Paper must be supplied by students.**
- The Test Library is located within the Student Work Room. See Appendix G for the Test Library Policy.

- **E-Mail Accounts:** Students are expected to establish an Alfred University user account. E-mail is the “official” means of communication and you will receive information from your professors, the division, and the University in this manner. Students should check their e-mail accounts **all year, including the summer and other breaks.** Students must abide by the rules and policies for use of these accounts.

- **Class Representatives and Meetings:** Each school psychology cohort elects two class representatives each year. These representatives act as a liaison between the class and the Division Chair, as well as the Counseling and School Psychology Governing Committee to discuss issues of concern that may arise for the students. In addition, the Program Director, along with other faculty, meets with each cohort on a regular basis throughout the academic year.
Powell Institute and Clinic Use Policy

- The facilities at the Powell Institute, including the Child and Family Services Center clinical rooms, are primarily dedicated to teaching and other functions of the Powell Institute. At times the clinic treatment rooms may also be used by graduate students in the Counseling and School Psychology programs for purposes related to acquiring and practicing clinical skills. Such activities might include dyad work to practice counseling skills, conduct mentoring sessions between beginning and advanced students, use of rooms to review videotapes, or to practice testing procedures. The following guidelines have been developed for use of the facility.

- **Institute Hours:** The Powell Institute is generally open during business hours, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. However, there may be times when the faculty and Powell Institute/Clinic secretary need to be out of the building, at which time the exterior doors will be locked for safety and security.

- Some classes are scheduled after business hours. Instructors have keys and are responsible for insuring that students arriving after 4:30 have access to the building, and for insuring that the building is locked when the class is finished.

- **Students who arrive for classes in the downstairs classroom should enter and leave from the back door.** They should not walk through or congregate upstairs, especially when clinic is in session. They should also use the restrooms that are downstairs.

- **Clinic GAs:** Graduate assistants working for the Child and Family Services Center have keys for locking up when clinic is finished for the day. GAs should not be in the building after hours or on weekends unless they have a specific assignment from a supervisor which must be completed during that time.

- **Reserving Rooms:** The Secretary for the Powell Institute/Clinic keeps a master schedule for room use in the building. Student access to conduct dyad practice, review tapes, use test materials, etc., is to be scheduled with the secretary and must occur during business hours.

- Scheduled classes, including clinic, have priority use of classrooms and clinic rooms. Any student who wishes to use a room when clinic is in session MUST clear this directly with the clinic supervisor, who will make sure that no clients are scheduled during that time.

- **Copiers:** There are no copiers at the clinic that take money or are part of the student printing quota. Therefore, students who are doing work for their classes must plan ahead and make copies in other locations.
• **Computers:** All of the computers at the Clinic/Institute are only to be used for Clinic- or Institute-related work. The computer in Clinic Room 5 (upstairs) is available for student use in preparing clinic-related materials. Students who are preparing materials for other courses should plan ahead and have those materials ready before they arrive for classes at the Institute.

• **Coffee:** The coffee (tea, hot chocolate, etc.) that students and faculty drink during classes held at the Institute comes from the same fund that pays for lounge supplies at the Science Center. There are coffee makers and supplies located in the Powell Institute kitchens; they are available for use during classes.

• **Parking:** The paved parking lot behind the Powell Institute is reserved for use by university faculty and staff, and clients of the Child and Family Services Center. Limited student parking (for those with student parking stickers) is located adjacent to the paved portion and is indicated with a sign. Additional parking is available on Sayles and Pine Streets, but be sure to follow street signs.

• **Emergency Exits and Procedures:** Upon indication of an emergency or emergency drill, please exit the door closest to you. Proceed immediately to the designated meeting area located at the back of the paved parking lot, in front of the “Student Parking” signs. In the event of a true emergency additional instructions will be available at that location. (Site maps indicating the meeting area and the building exits are posted throughout Powell Institute.)

**Professional Organizations**

There are a number of professional organizations that the faculty encourage students to join that are relevant to the field of school psychology. Students receive significant discounts on membership rates.

- **American Psychological Association - APA** represents all disciplines within psychology. APA’s Division 16 represents school psychology exclusively. Graduate student dues are $57 annually.

- **National Association of School Psychologists - NASP** is the national association for school psychologists. Membership includes a monthly newsletter and a quarterly journal, *School Psychology Review*, as well as access to *School Psychology Forum*. Student membership is $70 annually.

- **New York Association of School Psychologists - NYASP** is the state affiliate of the national organization. NYASP publishes a newsletter and sponsors an annual
conference. Student membership is $55 annually.

- **American Educational Research Association** - Student dues start at $55.
- **National Council on Measurement in Education - NCME** student membership is $35 per year.

**PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

*Policy Against Discrimination*

The following statement is taken from the University’s *Graduate School Catalog*:

Alfred University considers candidates for admission, applicants for financial aid and applicants for employment on the basis of individual qualifications and does not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sexual preference or disability. Further, the University does not engage in any of the said forms of discrimination in the administration of admission and educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, the athletic program or in any other school administered program. Alfred University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

If any student enrolled in Alfred University believes s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of age, sex, race, marital status, religion, handicap, or national origin, s/he may contact the Affirmative Action officer. That individual is Mark Guinan, Human Resources, Green Hall, 871-2909, email: guinan@alfred.edu.

*Admissions Policy*

The division typically admits 4-7 doctoral students and 10-15 Master's/CAS students in School Psychology each year. The doctoral admissions committee is comprised of three members of the Counseling and School Psychology division, one member of the undergraduate Psychology division, and one third-year doctoral student. Admission to the program is based upon a comprehensive review of all of the application materials. These include grade point average, scores on the Graduate Record Examination, personal statement, statement of research interests, three letters of recommendation, and an interview.
The average GRE scores of our doctoral students over the past several years have been about 302, combining the Verbal and Quantitative sections. The average undergraduate GPA of students is approximately 3.4. These numbers are averages and are used as guidelines; final decisions are based upon a holistic review of the applicants' credentials. Graduate School guidelines recommend a minimal GPA of 3.0 for acceptance.

We accept applicants with their bachelor's degree, master's degree in counseling or other areas of psychology, and advanced-standing students who have a master's degree in School Psychology.

We are interested in students whose goals and interests match those of the training in this program. We strive for balance in admitting a diverse student body, including cultural, ethnic, and geographic factors, as well as a blend of traditional and non-traditional students.

**Undergraduate Prerequisites**

The student must present evidence of successful completion of undergraduate course work in the following subject areas:

- Introduction to Psychology
- Statistical/Experimental Methods
- at least one of the following areas:
  - Developmental Psychology (child and adolescent)
  - Personality
  - Abnormal Psychology

Other courses, such as Tests and Measurement, Learning, or Educational Psychology are looked upon favorably. Practical experiences are seen as valuable preparation. No program credit is given for undergraduate study or for graduate courses students take to complete prerequisites.

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**Proposal to Transfer Credit**

Once a student has been accepted into the program, due consideration will be given to graduate work done at other accredited institutions and some transfer of credits may be permitted. Such credits must be in courses which were clearly at the graduate level with grade B or better, and which duplicate coursework in Alfred University’s School Psychology Program.

Students entering the program with a previous Master’s degree in School Psychology may be able to transfer credit in the same manner as described below. These students must still complete at least half of their required course work (excluding Internship and Dissertation credits) at Alfred University and attend for at least two years.

Every request for transfer of credits is reviewed individually and the faculty advisor must make a recommendation on the students’ behalf to the Division Chairperson. If the Division Chairperson concurs, the matter is referred to the Counseling and School Psychology Governing Committee. Exemptions to the University regulations regarding transfer credits must go through the CSPGC. In those instances when a student’s transcript and prior experiences suggest the possibility of awarding transfer credit for didactic courses or practicum experience the following criteria will be followed:

- When there is a question of accepting credit for didactic courses taken at other graduate institutions, students may be required to submit the course syllabus, a list of the texts used, qualifications of the course instructor, or other relevant materials. When there is a question about the comparability of courses, the advisor may require the student to meet with the instructor at Alfred University who teaches the course. The instructor will submit a written statement indicating whether the courses appear comparable. In those cases in which the instructor has a question about comparability, the student will be required to take a proficiency exam. Proficiency exams will be taken only when students have prior graduate coursework which is similar to a program course.

- When there is a question of accepting prior field experience in lieu of the practicum requirements, the student will meet with his/her advisor to discuss whether prior experience is comparable to one or more of the practica components of the
program. If the advisor agrees that the experiences appear to be comparable, they will meet with the program director to confirm this assessment. To make the determination at this level the candidate must submit a validated description of the experience, including information as to activities engaged in, nature of placement, duration, nature and extent of supervision, and qualifications of supervisor. If there are any questions with respect to certain skills (e.g., assessment, report writing, consultation) associated with the practicum, the student will be required to demonstrate these skills at the Child and Family Services Center or another appropriate setting. If the candidate’s prior experience was not part of an organized training program, the candidate will be expected to complete our program’s practicum experience, and this experience will be tailored to the particular strengths and weaknesses of the candidate. Regardless of prior experience, all students are required to have participated in a supervised practicum experience prior to internship.

- Decisions concerning student requests to be granted credit for a course or field experience will be made during the first semester the student is enrolled. The one exception to that is when the student needs to demonstrate a particular skill or competency. Under these circumstances, the students’ record will have been reviewed during the first semester and a decision made during this period about the need for demonstration and about the procedures which will be used to accomplish this demonstration.

- Doctoral students with advanced standing who have completed a master’s degree in School Psychology are exempt from the qualifying examinations.

- Grades earned in courses transferred from other institutions do not affect the student’s Alfred University grade point index.

In well-substantiated special cases, where the interests of the student are at variance with the regulations stated above, a documented petition may be made to the Counseling and School Psychology Governing Committee through the Division Chairperson for an appropriate transfer of credit.
Proposal to Gain Course Waiver

Occasionally students enroll in the program with previous graduate coursework from other institutions that is not recent. Also, some students enter with a great deal of relevant work experience to their benefit. These courses and experiences may qualify the student for a course waiver rather than a transfer of credit. If a waiver of a course is granted, the student does not have to take that course. However, since credit for the course will not be earned, it is the student’s responsibility to take an equal number of credits to make-up for the waived credit.

In order to effectively plan and sequence the student’s overall program, all course waivers must be discussed during the student’s first semester of enrollment. Failure to initiate course waiver requests in the first semester of study constitutes acceptance of all coursework as specified in this handbook.

Continuous Enrollment

Continuous enrollment for all school psychology students is required in order to assure that students make continual, systematic progress in their program. All students must enroll each semester for an appropriate number of credit hours (minimum of 3 credits) until the completion of all program requirements. This includes part-time enrollment for dissertation credits only. Failure to enroll constitutes self-dismissal from the School Psychology Program. Students who then wish to complete their degree must apply for re-admission to the program. Leaves of absence can be discussed with the Division Chairperson if an unusual circumstance presents itself.

Withdrawals

A student may withdraw from a course and receive the grade of “W” with the signature of the instructor and the approval of the student’s advisor during the period designated by the University calendar. A grade of “W” will be assigned for a course withdrawal. The signature of the Dean is also required if the withdrawal occurs after the University deadline.

Leave of Absence

Alfred University recognizes that there are many good reasons why a student may
want to temporarily interrupt his/her education. Therefore the University has established a leave of absence policy that assures a student the right to continue his/her education following a specified leave period. The following principles govern the leave of absence policy:

1. A student must make a written request to the Chairperson of the Division of Counseling and School Psychology. The request must include the reason(s) for the leave and the length of time for which the student wants the leave. Leaves are generally granted for one or two semesters, but may be extended upon application and approval.

2. Before granting a leave, the Chairperson may discuss with the student his/her written request and specific action plan for the leave.

3. The Chairperson will bring the request to the Counseling and School Psychology Governing Committee for discussion and a decision.

4. Once a leave is granted, the Chairperson will notify other interested University officials of the decision and the expected date of return.

5. There are circumstances (for example, a felony conviction) under which a student’s leave, and eligibility to return to the University, may be canceled.

6. A student who is granted a leave of absence to deal with medical and/or psychological problems may be requested to submit a clinical evaluation to the Chairperson before consideration can be given for his/her return to campus.

**Financial Assistance/Graduate Assistantship (GA)**

Graduate assistantships (usually half tuition remission) are available to all full-time students. The students are responsible to the supervisor to whom they are assigned. Students who receive such assistantships are expected to work the stated number of hours per week. Written evaluation of the assistant’s performance is conducted at the end of each semester to determine if the assistantship should be continued. The assistantship can be revoked at any time for lack of adequate performance of assistantship responsibilities. Continuation of the assistantship is dependent upon satisfactory performance of internship duties, as well as satisfactory academic progress in the program. It is the student’s
responsibility to discuss any problems they are having in completing their hours with their advisor and/or the assistantship coordinator. **Students who receive graduate assistantsships must obtain permission from the Division Chairperson before they accept additional employment within or outside of the University.** The Graduate School and Financial Aid Office assist graduate students in obtaining additional forms of assistance whenever possible.

**General GA Information**

- GAs must submit and have their hours approved by their supervisor on a regular basis, either via paper time sheets or online in Banner.
- GAs will get emails from the Assistantship Coordinator about when to submit in each manner.
- If GAs miss a deadline in entering hours in Banner, they must complete a paper time sheet regarding those hours.
- Please be considerate while working in the various offices. Discourage visiting with one another - the lounge is provided for this purpose.

**Grades**

Grades that students may receive in graduate courses are: A, B+, B, C, F, or I (Incomplete). The Graduate School requires that the students maintain a GPA standard of 3.0 or better each semester and cumulatively. In addition, students in the School Psychology programs are permitted to present no more than six credit hours at the grade of C or below. Once admitted, students can expect to continue attendance at the University so long as they (1) maintain satisfactory academic records and progress in the development of necessary professional, personal, and interpersonal characteristics, (2) meet their financial obligation to the University, and (3) do not seriously or persistently violate existing University regulations. Separation from the University will be made only after a review of the matter by an appropriate group, and according to established University procedures.

The Counseling and School Psychology Governing Committee reviews each student’s
record each semester. The following sections describe the possible outcomes if students do not meet the required standards.

**Probation**

A student whose semester GPA drops below the levels established by each college may be placed "on probation." Further, a student who has a low cumulative GPA, low grades in critical prerequisite courses, or who is not making satisfactory progress, may also be placed "on probation." Students in the School Psychology Program must maintain semester and cumulative GPAs at or above 3.0.

**Extended Probation**

Students “on probation” who do not significantly improve their academic performance during the next semester immediately following being placed "on probation" may be dismissed or placed on "extended probation" for another semester.

**Suspension**

Students who are not making satisfactory progress in the program, including the development of necessary professional, personal, and interpersonal characteristics, or who violate University regulations may be placed on “suspension” from the program.

**Dismissal**

- Students may be “dismissed” if they do not meet the GPA standard of 3.00 or better each semester and cumulatively, or if they do not make satisfactory progress in other ways. Division regulations require dismissal of students who have more than 6 credits of C (or below).

- A student who is "on probation" or "extended probation" and who fails to attain the minimum semester or cumulative standards for a second consecutive semester may be dismissed from the University.

- Failure to meet other specific academic requirements, inability to improve overall academic performance, lack of requisite personal and professional characteristics and skills, or lack of satisfactory progress toward a degree may also result in dismissal from the University.
**Student Appeal for Change of Academic Standing**

A student appeal for change of academic standing will be made through the student’s Dean for presentation to the College’s Scholastic Standards Committee, and then, if needed, to the Provost, or the Chief Academic Officer, who may consult the Graduate Council, in reaching his/her decision.

**Research Orientation for Doctoral Students**

At Alfred, we are strongly committed to training school psychologists who are practitioner-scientists. We earnestly believe that all our graduates--whether they eventually work as scientists or as practitioners--need a firm grounding in both scholarship and practice. You will not be an effective clinician unless you are an effective consumer of research, and your research will be sterile without a background in practice.

Although you will take coursework in research and statistics, it is difficult to learn to be a scholar from coursework alone. Rather, one really learns how to do research by doing research, preferably under the tutelage of an active scholar. In our experience, the most productive scholars had mentors, under whom they served a kind of apprenticeship. We hope to provide you with that same kind of experience here at Alfred.

**Scholarly Apprenticeship**

To gain experience in scholarship, Psy.D. students may serve as an apprentice to their advisor (or other mentor), assisting in his or her program of research or other scholarly activities. During your first year of apprenticeship, you may spend your time doing a variety of activities that make up the nuts and bolts of research: conducting reviews of literature, assisting in collecting data, entering data into the computer. As your skills progress, however, you will begin to take more responsibility for the scholarship, and will become involved in planning, conducting, analyzing, presenting, and writing about studies. At the same time, you will also progress from being an assistant to becoming a scholar, comfortable designing and conducting your own research, and presenting it at conferences and journals. As time passes, an increasing level of independence is expected.

A fortuitous side effect of your scholarly apprenticeship is that you will be much
more prepared to conduct your dissertation than will the average school psychology student. Many students find the dissertation an overwhelming task simply because so much of the process of conducting research is new to them. By that time, however, you should be familiar with that process; you will have done it all before. Your dissertation will simply become another step in your journey towards becoming a scholar.

Seminars

Doctoral students will be expected to attend occasional seminars on topics of scholarly interest. Topics for seminars may include faculty or student research or grant activities, presentations by visiting faculty, presentations of possible dissertation topics, discussions of research that are of interest to faculty and students, or other topics. Faculty and advanced students preparing presentations for conferences may also use these seminars as "first-runs" for those presentations, allowing them to try out formats, gauge time, and anticipate questions.

First year students will be expected to attend the seminars and participate in the discussions. Your participation will help you become an intelligent consumer of research by making you feel comfortable evaluating research and integrating new research with your previous knowledge of an area. Please note that such discussions are collegial in nature; only gentle, constructive criticism is encouraged. Second and third year students also will attend and participate, but additionally will become presenters at the seminars.

Research Expectations

You should expect to spend approximately ten hours a week in your apprenticeship. You will work with your advisor (or some other faculty member, at your advisor's discretion) during your first year, conducting research activities with your advisor. In subsequent years, as you begin to develop your own research interests, you may wish to work with some other faculty mentor. If so, you, your advisor, and this mentor can make such arrangements.

Some possible products of your apprenticeship and seminar participation are listed below. Keep in mind that these are typical expectations, and that we expect inter-individual variation.
• By the end of your first year, you should expect to be a capable consumer of research: you should be able to evaluate research, articulate a research question, state hypotheses, and discuss possible designs.

• During the second and third year, you may be co-presenter, with your advisor/mentor, of research findings at a conference, and an active contributor to research seminars. You may also co-author journal articles with him or her.

• By your third year, you may be the first author and major presenter of conference papers and a valuable co-author on articles.

**Area of Special Interest**

All students are encouraged to develop an area of special interest. This would be in an area that the student has a particular interest in studying extensively. A combination of field work, research, and coursework will support the development of a specialty area. The ideas for areas of specification should be discussed with your advisor and other faculty as appropriate. Students should begin thinking about this during their second semester in the program. While the dissertation alone will not make a specialty area, it would be hard to imagine that a dissertation would not support the specialty area. Students will work with their advisors in developing their specialty areas. Some examples of specialty areas that students may consider include: Family School Psychology, Psychotherapy, Assessment, Consultation/Prevention, Preschool, Rural School Psychology, and Research Design. Other areas may be considered at the discretion of the faculty.

**Qualifying Examinations**

The purpose of the written qualifying examination is to evaluate students on their knowledge of applied professional skills. The examinations will be administered after a student has successfully completed the first two semesters of the program. Passing the examination then qualifies the student to continue in the program. Thus, the satisfactory completion of the qualifying examination is a requirement for continuation in and graduation from the program.
The qualifying examination consists of three questions: cognitive and academic assessment and intervention (3 hours), role and function of school psychologists (2 hours), and social-emotional assessment and intervention (3 hours). Each question covers material from several courses, and the questions require integration and synthesis of all course material presented throughout the first year. The faculty of the School Psychology programs develop and grade the questions. Responses to each question are graded by two readers (blind to the identity of the students) using a prepared scoring rubric. In the event of a discrepancy in grading, a third reader will be appointed. Each question is evaluated individually.

The grading for each question consists of either a pass, marginal response, or fail. In the event of a marginal response on any question, the student will be given a chance to clarify his/her response through a follow-up oral exam with the two readers of the question. For preparation, the student is given a copy of the question and his/her response. The student may prepare for the oral clarification using any material they have, but preparation materials may not be brought into the actual oral exam. During the oral exam, the student presents suggestions for improvements to the original response. Faculty may ask questions to gain further clarification. The outcome grade for the oral exam is either pass or fail. If the student obtains a grade of fail for the original question, either upon the first scoring or after a follow-up oral exam, he/she must re-take the exam with a different question, per Graduate School regulations. The second question is graded and scored in the same manner as the first (described above).

Generally, the qualifying exam will be offered in the month after the end of the second semester, with the oral exam, if needed, approximately three weeks later. A re-examination, if needed, is offered in the month prior to the start of the third semester. Students must demonstrate proficiency in all three areas within two attempts to pass the entire examination, and thus, to continue in the program. As Graduate School regulations indicate, a student may take each part of the examination only two times.

Doctoral students with advanced standing who have completed a master's degree in School Psychology are exempt from the qualifying examinations.
**School Psychology Praxis Exam**

It is required that all students take the School Psychology Exam administered by the Educational Testing Service ([www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)) as part of their Praxis II series for teachers and school personnel. The exam is offered several times each year. **It is also required that students submit all of their scores (total score and domain scores) to the Division Chair or Secretary by February of their internship year.** In order to accomplish this, the exam must be taken by the end of the fall semester of the internship year.

Please designate AU as a score recipient when registering for the exam with ETS. In addition, submit a copy of your score report to the Division Chair or Secretary. Failure to provide a score report involves failure to meet a program requirement. **Therefore, certification will not be recommended for students who do not submit these scores.** Scores on this examination provide an externally validated measure of student competence as required by the credentialing agency for our MA/CAS program (NASP). A score of 165 is set as the passing grade by NASP for individuals who wish to become Nationally Certified School Psychologists (NCSP). Our program has not set a specific passing score.

**Field Experience**

In addition to performing at acceptable academic levels in the program, it is expected that students will demonstrate the ability to perform at acceptable levels in the various pre-professional activities in which they are engaged, such as assistantship, practica, and internship. From its inception, the School Psychology Program at Alfred University has been concerned with integrating classroom learning with actual experience in practice settings.

One of the unique features of the School Psychology Program is that along with academic course work, students participate in extensive practica and internship training experiences under the direction of school psychology faculty members. These provide evaluative and consultative services to local school systems in the Alfred area, thereby serving the community as well as providing supervised applied training experience.
Practicum and Field Placement

Practica are associated with most of the major core courses. Practica requirements give the student an opportunity to practice applied skills and become familiar with the role of the school psychologist. The field practica are completed in a variety of local schools, or agencies, and in the Child and Family Services Center. In the course of training, students gain experience at all educational levels in schools with diverse pupil populations relative to cultural-ethnic backgrounds, handicapping conditions, and SES levels. Practicum experiences are supervised by on-site certified school psychologists and University faculty. Students are also evaluated at the conclusion of each semester during their practicum experiences.

In the Schools

Beginning in the first semester, students participate in extensive fieldwork in Alfred area school systems. Students are placed in a local public school one day per week for both semesters of their first year. Students return to that school in their third semester, to complete projects associated with their Consultation and Prevention course (PSYC 646). In the fourth semester, they participate in a supervised practicum in a local school district, during which they are involved in planning, conducting, and evaluating academic interventions (PSYC 664: Practicum in Academic Interventions). Such practical experiences assist the students in developing an understanding of the complexities of the school environment and allow them to begin to acquire valuable skills in communication, consultation, program planning, and assessment. These experiences lay a foundation of knowledge which better prepares the student for the challenges he or she will encounter as a professional school psychologist. Importantly, this field work is facilitated by an on-site supervisor and a faculty member of the School Psychology Program, who communicate with each other to further the student’s progress. In addition, the faculty member visits the school at least once during the first year field placement. Students are evaluated at the end of each semester by their supervising psychologist. The Field Placement Student Evaluation Form is in Appendix D. This evaluation rates skills and behavior relating to goals for field placement, including professional behavior, positive interactional style, and carrying
through on activities devised by the student and supervisor to learn about the school's organization and curriculum. A list of the school districts which typically host field placement students is included in Appendix B.

**Child and Family Services Center (CFSC)**

During the second year, students will work at minimum one day per week in the Child and Family Services Center. This experience will expose students to intake assessment, psychoeducational assessment, and counseling with children and their families. The Clinic Performance Evaluation Form can be found in Appendix E. Students' work at the CFSC is directly supervised by School Psychology Program faculty through two-way mirror observation, audio and video taping, and individual and group case conferencing. The address and phone number of the Child and Family Services Center are:

The Child and Family Services Center of Alfred University  
6 Sayles Street  
Alfred, NY 14802  
(607) 871-2229

**Advanced Practica**

Doctoral students may elect to do additional advanced practicum experiences during their third year of study, as one way to gain additional expertise and to fulfill the requirements for completing the nine credits of electives. Students may complete an advanced practicum at a local school, mental health agency, or at the Child and Family Services Center. Advanced practica are individualized opportunities to gain applied experiences in an area of interest to the student. Students develop practicum experiences through consultation with their advisors about areas of interest in the semester prior to the planned practicum. The actual practicum is then arranged with a specific faculty member who has expertise in the area of student interest, and who serves as the faculty instructor for the course. There will also be an on-site field supervisor.

Advanced practica can be arranged from 1-3 credits, with a full day at a placement typically constituting a 3-credit practicum. Similarly, a 3-credit practicum at the C&FSC
consists of the full afternoon and evening attended by the second year students.

A practicum plan specific to the site must be completed and signed by the student, faculty instructor, and field supervisor. The practicum plan must address the learning objectives, assignments to be submitted for grading purposes, procedures for evaluation by site supervisor, and time assigned for supervision by both field supervisor and university faculty member (See Appendix F for sample practicum plans). A minimum of one hour per week of supervision is required for a full-day practicum. In previous years practicum placements have included the following types of experiences:

- Public school placements providing pre-internship experiences in targeted skill areas
- Preschool special education or early intervention programs
- Child & Family Services Center, advanced clinician role
- Community mental health programs
- Residential treatment programs
- Correctional services

**Internship**

The fourth year for doctoral students typically consists of a full-time, year-long internship. This experience is the culmination of the student's classroom and field experience from the first years of training and allows the student to perform the duties (e.g., assessment, counseling, consultation, in-service training, program evaluation, research) of a school psychologist under the supervision of both agency-based and university-based faculty. This supervision team will consist of an on-site licensed psychologist with a minimum of three years of experience, as well as a faculty member of the School Psychology Program who is licensed. Faculty will supervise a maximum of six interns at any one time, while intern supervisors are supervising only one or two interns at any given time.

Students must complete a minimum of 600 hours of their internship in a school. The remainder may be done in other child and family-oriented settings, such as community mental health clinics and residential placements. Regardless of the setting, the internship
may also be completed on a half-time basis over the 3rd and 4th years of the program. This arrangement would only be feasible if the placement was near enough to allow the student to return to campus for the coursework. Students interested in pursuing an APPIC or APA accredited internship should meet with Dr. Bender, their advisor, or the internship coordinator to discuss their plans.

Students who are returning to school as an advanced doctoral student must complete a doctoral level internship, even if they have previously completed a master's level internship and worked as a school psychologist. The internship must meet the usual internship criteria, and cannot be a job previously held or newly obtained.

Students seek placements by following guidelines developed by the Division of Counseling and School Psychology. Students must receive a stipend from the public school/agency in which they intern. In all instances, the internship site must be approved by the Division Chairperson. Internship Overview, a brief summary of the internship requirements that can be given to supervisors, is available from the Division Secretary. A separate division publication, the Internship Manual, provides detailed information about internship organization and specific assignments, including the compilation of an Internship Portfolio. Briefly, during the internship year, students are required to provide documentation of professional skill competencies through the completion of the Internship Portfolio. Documents developed for the Portfolio include: 1) assessment report; 2) counseling report; 3) behavioral consultation report; 4) academic consultation report; and 5) professional project report. Each portfolio is reviewed by two faculty members and reports are graded using established scoring rubrics. Additionally, a copy of the Internship Performance Evaluation tool can be found in the Internship Manual, as well as in Appendix F of this Handbook. A list of collaborating districts/agencies and site supervisors that have been previously utilized by our students is available in the Graduate Student Workroom.

**Liability**

Students working in the School Psychology Program practicum sites are covered by
liability insurance through the University. However, students must purchase liability insurance from a professional organization for their own protection for their school-based field experience, clinic practicum, advanced practicum, and internship. Students must also turn in the insurance cover sheet to the secretary each year.

**Credential File**

When you apply for internships and school psychology positions, you will need letters of recommendation written by faculty or supervisors. You may do this by creating an account with Interfolio. They will keep your documents in storage until you are ready to send out applications for jobs and internships. Your account is easy to set up.

**Initiating the Account:**
Go to the [http://account.interfolio.com/dossier/signup](http://account.interfolio.com/dossier/signup) and fill in the form. Please print the agreement for your file, so that you can go back and reference it as needed.

**Cost to Set Up an Account:**
The cost for the account is currently
- $19.00 for one (1) year
- $39.90 for three (3) years
- $57.00 for five (5) years

**Storage:**
You will be able to store any type of document – writing samples, articles, test scores, unofficial transcripts and whatever you need to have a complete application package. You can upload documents directly into your account, or mail them to Interfolio, and they will upload them for you (such as confidential letters).

**Building Your Online Credential File:**
When you are ready to begin building your application package in your account, you will contact Interfolio to ask that a request for a letter of recommendation be sent to (whomever). That person will get the request, write the letter on your behalf, and submit it to Interfolio to be stored in your account.

**Applying for Graduate School Admission or Jobs:**
Once you are ready to apply for jobs or graduate school, you will contact Interfolio and request that your documents (or individual letters only) be sent out. Your request will be processed in one (1) business day. There are multiple mailing options, including FedEx and electronic delivery (where available). Six dollars ($6.00) is the cost for sending a typical application.

**Help:**
Interfolio offers phone support five days a week (202-223-3358) and help requests sent via email (help@interfolio.com) will be answered within one (1) business day.

**STUDENT PROGRESS MONITORING**

The School Psychology Program faculty continuously evaluate student progress and skill development. This is accomplished at various levels in terms of frequency and specificity.

**Feedback Sessions**

School psychology, as an applied specialty in psychology, in addition to academic excellence, requires self-understanding and expertise in interpersonal communication. These areas include feedback skills, listening skills, interviewing skills, rapport-building ability, group leadership skills, self-monitoring of stress and self-disclosure, and appropriate application of ethical standards. With this in mind, at least once per year and more frequently if indicated, the School Psychology Program undertakes a systematic review of each student. This review involves both written evaluation and a meeting with each student. The purpose of the evaluation is to provide feedback on student progress, and identify student strengths and areas in need of remediation. The review focuses on general academic status and progress in coursework, practical development and attainment of professional behaviors commensurate with practicing as a school psychologist, and future plans. All members of the School Psychology faculty may take part in this review. In addition, input from other faculty and field supervisors is routinely gathered via end-of-the semester evaluations. Prior to the meeting, each student completes a self-evaluation assessing the following areas: academic abilities, professional abilities, and personal characteristics (See Appendix C for sample student self-evaluation form). Thus, it is the responsibility of the student to plan for their own specific needs for improvement. Students will be encouraged to seek feedback each semester from their field placement supervisors regarding their performance. Ideally this will be an ongoing (formative) process that encourages professional growth and development, and not merely one that occurs at the end of each placement. This component is a strength of Alfred University’s doctoral program and is crucial to the functioning of school psychologists in
the field as viewed by others.

This guidance system will function in a reciprocal manner. Students are invited to seek out their advisor whenever the need arises. But regardless of felt need, students are expected to make an appointment with their advisor at least once per semester to review their program and plan for the following semester. Additionally, at the end of each academic year, the student will complete an annual activity report delineating courses and field placements completed as well as colloquia and conferences attended, supervisory experiences, and other professional activities.

In general, it is expected that students in the program will demonstrate levels of performance in relation to clients, supervisors, and other professionals in their clinical placements which are commensurate with the requirements of the school district professional personnel and the Division faculty.

Specifically, students are expected to perform adequately in at least the following areas of behavior (these examples are not exhaustive):

- The ability to develop and maintain satisfactory relationships with clients appropriate to the level of training of the student.
- The ability to engage in appropriate peer relationships within the context of the professional work situation in the field and in the Division.
- The ability to engage in constructive consultation in the professional work place involving communicating with other staff about clients and issues.
- The ability to engage in, accept, and profit from professional supervisory relationships.
- The ability to meet time lines for program, school district, and legal requirements.
- The ability to function within guidelines and limits of the professional ethics and standards of the American Psychological Association and the National Association of School Psychologists. These guidelines may be found in *Best Practices in School Psychology* and in *The Handbook of School Psychology*. In addition, they will be covered in PSYC 603, Foundations of School Psychology, and PSYC 695, Professional Practice Seminar.
Evaluation of Practicum Performance

During the first year, school psychology graduate students are placed in a school district at least one day each week to practice testing skills, to develop observation and consultation skills, to gain experience in working with exceptional children, and to become oriented to working in the schools as a school psychologist. Practica are supervised by program faculty as well as on-site supervisor(s). Each semester the on-site supervisor completes an evaluation of each student (see Appendix D), and shares it with the student in a feedback session. During the second year, students complete a practicum at the Child and Family Services Center. At the end of each semester, the supervisor completes an evaluation of each student, the student completes a self-evaluation, and these are shared in a feedback session. See Appendix E for the Clinic Performance Evaluation Form.

Internship Evaluation

Supervision during internship is done by a team consisting of one or more on-site doctoral level certified school psychologists or licensed psychologists and by the University supervisor. Evaluation is an integral component of the internship experience and is the combined responsibility of all involved parties and should be conducted in an ongoing fashion.

- The on-site supervisor(s) complete an evaluation of the interns performance at three points during the internship period. Two of these evaluations are written (in December and May; see Appendix E) and one is made verbally during a visit by the University supervisor.
- At the end of each semester, on-site supervisors must meet with their interns to complete and review their evaluation forms.
- At the end of each semester, the University supervisor grades the intern based upon an evaluation by the on-site supervisor, paperwork completed by the intern, and information gained from observing and supervisory sessions with the intern.

Program Evaluation Process

The Alfred University School Psychology program engages in a systematic program
evaluation process in order to bring about continuous program improvement and strengthen student performance. A variety of tools assess: 1) students’ content knowledge; 2) students’ professional and interpersonal skills; 3) learning outcomes of children served by students; and 4) students’ perceptions of program strengths and limitations.

**Venues for Program Evaluation Process.** Data are reviewed during two venues for the program evaluation process:

1) Faculty meet after the end of each academic year for the *Program Evaluation and Planning Retreat*, in order to identify the program’s strengths and areas in need of improvement. Faculty reviews all data from the tools described below. Faculty also engages in a SWOT analysis (i.e., strengths, weaknesses, obstacles, and tasks). Based upon this data, action plans are developed for measurable programmatic changes and enhanced alignment with changes in the field of School Psychology.

2) *Weekly faculty meetings* are used to make ongoing, formative changes relative to program functioning.

**Students’ Content Knowledge.** Students’ knowledge of psychological and educational content is assessed through review of course grades, Qualifying Exam results, Praxis II results, and evaluation of students’ Internship Performance Portfolios. At the completion of each semester, course grades are reviewed during the Scholastic Standards Committee meeting. Students are determined to be *in good standing, on probation, or dismissed*, based on professional skills and academic performance. Results of the Qualifying exam, Praxis II, and Internship Performance Portfolio are reviewed at the end of each academic year.

**Students’ Professional and Interpersonal Skills.** Students’ professional and interpersonal skills are assessed through periodic performance evaluations, as well as field-based practicum and internship evaluations. Performance evaluations occur following the end of the first, second, fourth, and sixth semesters. Students’ professional skills and academic performance are rated by all appropriate faculty. In addition, each student self-reflects and rates him- or herself on the same items. Following these ratings, a formal performance feedback conference is held by the faculty with each student in order to compare ratings, reinforce growth, and identify areas for improvement. Field-based practicum evaluations are completed at the end of the first year fall and spring semesters. Site-based supervisors rate each student on professional and interpersonal skills, and provide guidance for areas
of continued professional development. These evaluations are reviewed with the students and discussed during performance evaluations. Evaluations of each student’s performance at the Child and Family Services Center are completed at the end of each semester during the second year. These involve both self-evaluation and supervisor-evaluation and are reviewed at a meeting of the student and clinic supervisor at the end of each semester. Internship evaluations are completed by the site-based supervisor at the completion of the fall and spring semesters of the internship year. Site-base supervisors review the ratings with the intern and the University-based supervisor.

Learning Outcomes of Children Served. The ability of students to integrate their knowledge and apply professional skills in delivering a range of services that results in measurable, positive impact on children is assessed through the *Professional Project* and the *Performance Portfolio* during the internship year. Students complete a Professional Project which is an indirect service project specific to the needs of the district/agency. This project is developed in collaboration with district administration and faculty, is evaluated by the University-based supervisor, and includes an evaluation component in which district personnel provide feedback about the effectiveness of the project. Additionally, the *Performance Portfolio*, which is described in the *Internship Handbook*, allows for the measurement of students’ impact on children. Behavioral and academic consultation skills are evaluated and learning outcomes of children are assessed.

Students’ Perceptions of Program. Students’ perceptions of program quality is important to the faculty and student feedback is used to make program improvements. Perceptions of program effectiveness are gained through course evaluations, exit interviews, class representation, individual feedback sessions, and informal discussions with faculty. Course evaluations are completed by students for every course and faculty members review these evaluations with the division chairperson. Decisions about course improvements and changes to faculty assignments are often based, in part, upon these evaluations. Exit interviews with students occur at the end of the internship year. These interviews are completed by an administrator outside of the School Psychology programs. Feedback is requested regarding all aspects of the program. The administrator documents students perceptions/feedback and provides a written summary to the division chair, who then reviews it with faculty. Class representatives are identified in each cohort. In their role as
liaison between their cohort/class and the division chair, class representatives may bring up issues or requests for changes to the program. The division chair brings identified issues to the faculty for review. Over the years, many important program changes have occurred based upon these student suggestions. Finally, program improvements occur as a result of informal discussions among faculty and students. Faculty and students in the Alfred University School Psychology programs maintain close collegial relationships. Students are always welcome to stop by faculty offices to discuss their suggestions for program improvements and/or to address issues of concern. As appropriate, these issues are brought to the entire faculty at weekly faculty meetings.

**Academic Dishonesty (Unethical Practices)**

The School Psychology program follows the University’s Graduate Academic Regulations regarding academic dishonesty. The relevant section from the Regulations (section 700), follows, with directions specific to our program added in italics:

Academic dishonesty is defined as any action that enables students to receive credit for work that is not their own. Academic dishonesty, as well as fabricating and inappropriately altering or excluding data, is unethical conduct which will not be tolerated in any form. Graduate students at Alfred University are expected to maintain generally accepted standards of academic honesty and professional integrity. Failure to do so may range from failure of the assignment to dismissal.

Academic dishonesty can occur both in and outside the classroom, studio, or lab.

In the context of tests, quizzes, examinations, or other in-class work, dishonest practices include but are not limited to:

- Marking an answer sheet in a way designed to deceive the person correcting it.
- Possession of unauthorized material that could be used during a quiz, test, or examination for the purposes of cheating.
- The unauthorized use of books or notes during a quiz, test, or examination.
- The hiding or positioning of notes or other tools for the purposes of cheating on a quiz, test, or examination.
- Possession or knowledge of any examination prior to its administration.
- Looking at someone else’s quiz, test, or examination without the express permission of the instructor.
- Any form of unauthorized communication during a quiz, test, or examination.
In the context of writing assignments, research projects, lab reports, and other academic work completed outside the classroom, dishonest practices include but are not limited to:

- Lack of adequate and appropriate citation of all sources used.
- The appropriation of another's ideas, analysis, or actual words without necessary and adequate source citations, either deliberately or inadvertently.
- The copying, purchase, or other appropriation of another person's academic work with the intention of passing it off as one's own original production.
- The creation of a document by more than one student that is then submitted to the instructor as the original creation of only one student, without the express permission of the instructor.
- Submitting the same piece of work to more than one instructor without the express permission of ALL instructors involved.
- Fabrication of data.
- Inappropriate alteration or exclusion of data.

The following guidelines are included to assist students in avoiding dishonest behavior in their academic work, particularly in writing assignments, research projects, and lab reports.

A. Students' written work should reflect their own personal preparation for the assignment, such as reading books and articles, performing research on the internet and in electronic databases, and taking notes in class and during the research process.

B. Students should avoid using the actual words of the authors of their sources whenever possible, opting instead to demonstrate an understanding of the authors' ideas by rewriting them in their own words.

C. All ideas and analyses that are derived from other authors must be attributed to those authors in the form of appropriate source citations, even when their own words are not used. Source citations usually take the form of footnotes, endnotes, or parenthetical citations in addition to a formal bibliography and/or works cited page at the end of the writing assignment. The format for these source citations depends on the conventions of each academic discipline: consult your instructor as to the appropriate form to use.

D. When the use of an author’s specific text is unavoidable or necessary, that material must be identified as a direct quotation and must either be surrounded by quotation marks or formatted as a block quotation. Appropriate source citations must follow all quotations, as per the instructions above.

E. Circumstances when direct quotation is necessary or desirable include:

1) The wording of the text is essential to the student's own analysis.
2) The text exemplifies the author's particular perspective.
3) Quoting the text is a more efficient way of presenting the author's ideas than a more elaborate and lengthy paraphrase would be.
It should be noted that lengthy quotations or their overuse is neither desirable nor appropriate in most instances and should be avoided. Additionally, over-reliance on lengthy quotations can be considered a form of plagiarism.

F. Collaboration: Some instructors find collaborative assignments useful. Students may be allowed to collaborate in shared assignments only with the specific permission of the instructor. In those circumstances the limits to the collaboration will be established by the instructor and students should be aware that they are responsible for maintaining the appropriate limits to that collaboration.

Procedures

Instructors who believe an unethical practice has occurred should take the following steps:

A. The instructor will advise the student orally or by e-mail as soon as possible after the offense is observed. This will allow simple misunderstandings and misinterpretations to be resolved.

B. If the instructor remains convinced that an offense has occurred, a written statement of the offense will be sent to the student in hard copy and by e-mail. The statement will include whatever penalty the instructor considers appropriate. A copy will be sent to the instructor’s program director, division chair, and dean; the student’s advisor, program director, division chair, and dean; and, if the recommended penalty is dismissal, the Associate Provost for Graduate Programs.

C. The academic dean, division chair, or program director of the student’s college/program should advise the student of appeals procedures which are available.

D. The division chair will take the offense to the CSPGC, which will determine any consequences and the academic standing of the student.

A student charged with an unethical practice may appeal to the appropriate program committee.

Any student dismissed from the Graduate School may request reconsideration of the matter by the Graduate Council; such requests to be made within 14 days of the notice of dismissal. If not satisfied with that reconsideration, the student may appeal to the Associate Provost for Graduate Programs; such appeal to be made within 14 days of dismissal.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The faculty of Alfred University recognizes the right of students to seek remedy for grievances and encourage students with grievances to do so.
A student grievance is defined as including any disagreement concerning a course, course of study, grades, or comprehensive examination.

**Grievance Procedure**

For this grievance procedure, a disagreement is defined as being between a student or group of students, and a faculty or staff member of Alfred University. No student shall be penalized or discriminated against for utilizing this procedure.

A grievance must be filed within the term in which the circumstances occurred, or within one month of the incident (e.g., receiving a grade).

Steps in the procedure are outlined below. They are designed for use by an individual student, or a group of students who join together to submit a collective or class grievance.

**Step 1:** The student(s) will attempt to resolve any disagreement or grievance with the faculty or staff member in question. If the grievance is not resolved to the student(s)' satisfaction within two academic calendar weeks of initial contact with the faculty or staff member to resolve the grievance, the student(s) may proceed to Step 2 of this procedure.

**Step 2:** The Step 2 appeal will be to the next logical level of authority within the division in which the student(s) course or program resides, and in which the faculty or staff member being grieved against holds appointment. This would be the Counseling and School Psychology Division Chairperson. Administrators who are party to the grievance will move to the next logical level of review.

The student(s) will submit a written statement describing the basis for the grievance and the attempt(s) made to date to resolve the grievance with the faculty member. The written statement should be submitted along with available supporting evidence (e.g., a course syllabus, test, term paper), to the designated Step 2 administrator.

The faculty or staff member grieved against will be notified of the grievance within two weeks of the regular academic calendar of its submission to the Step 2 administrator and will be given a copy of the grievance statement and any supporting evidence concerning the student(s) grievance to the Step 2 administrator. The faculty or staff member will also prepare a written statement with supporting evidence. A copy of this written statement and any supporting evidence will be given to the student(s) within two
school days.

Within two academic calendar weeks of receiving statements and evidence from both parties, the Step 2 administrator shall inform both parties in writing of his/her decision. The Step 2 administrator may seek additional evidence or consultation during this review period.

Step 2 should be completed in no longer than four academic calendar weeks, beginning with the day that the student(s) submitted a grievance statement to the Step 2 administrator.

**Step 3:** If the Step 2 administrator (Division Chair) sustains the faculty or staff member’s position and the student(s) decide to appeal, the student(s) may request that the grievance decision be reviewed at the next higher level of administrative review. This would be the Counseling and School Psychology Governing Committee.

If the Step 2 administrator sustains the student(s) position and the faculty or staff member decides to appeal, the faculty or staff person may also request that the grievance decision be reviewed at the next higher level of administrative review.

In either event, the appeal must be made within two academic calendar weeks of the Step 2 decision. Upon receipt of an appeal from either party, the Step 3 administrator (CSPCG) shall inform the other party of the appeal. The Step 3 administrator shall subsequently inform both parties in writing of her/his decision within two academic calendar weeks, beginning with the day either the students(s) or faculty/staff member requests a review from the Step 3 administrator.

**Step 4:** If the Step 3 administrator (CSPGC) sustains the Division Chair’s position and the student(s) decide to appeal, the student(s) may request that the grievance decision be reviewed at the next higher level of administrative review. This would be the Dean of the College of Professional Studies.

If the Step 3 administrator sustains the student(s) position and the faculty or staff member decides to appeal, the faculty or staff person may also request that the grievance decision be reviewed at the next higher level of administrative review.

In either event, the appeal must be made within two academic calendar weeks of the Step 3 decision. Upon receipt of an appeal from either party, the Step 4 administrator (Dean) shall inform the other party of the appeal. The Step 4 administrator shall
subsequently inform both parties in writing of her/his decision within two academic
calendar weeks, beginning with the day either the students(s) or faculty/staff member
requests a review from the Step 4 administrator.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

All students are expected to maintain socially and professionally appropriate
conventions for behavior with clients and other individuals. The physical and emotional
boundaries of clients, fellow students, and other adults, must be respected. Acts of sexual
harassment, including inappropriate physical contact and verbal interactions, will not be
tolerated.

Sanctions for Sexual Misconduct: Any such acts will result in sanctions ranging
from remedial activities for lesser offenses to dismissal from the program and legal action
for more serious offenses.

Sexual Harassment Policy

The Alfred University Board of Trustees has adopted an explicit policy prohibiting
sexual harassment throughout the University community.

It is the policy of Alfred University, in keeping with efforts to establish an
environment in which the dignity and worth of all members of the institutional community
are respected, to view sexual harassment of employees or students as unacceptable
conduct which will not be tolerated.

Recognizing its responsibility to uphold the tenets inherent in this policy, the
University thus established clear procedures and guidelines designed to educate and
inform faculty, students, and staff relative to (1) the definitions of sexual harassment, and
(2) procedures for filing and resolving related complaints. The complete statement of
policies and guidelines may be found by going to the University website at:
www.my.alfred.edu, then clicking on Resources, Student Policies and Regulations, and
Student Conduct Policies links.
ANCILLARY SERVICES

Information Technology Services (ITS)

ITS frequently updates and expands their services and resources, so please contact the Information Technology Services Helpdesk (Ext 2222, on the ground floor of Herrick Library) for your specific needs and questions.

The university uses a variety of approaches in making computers available to students. General and specialized computing labs are located throughout the campus providing access to Windows and Apple-MacIntosh systems. Lab computers are configured with Office Professional 2007 software. Specialized software is available in a number of lab settings. Many residence halls on the campus have a computer room in addition to a network port for every student in every room. In addition, most building locations (including residence halls) have wireless access. An all-night computer lab for use by all University students is located on the ground floor of Herrick Library. A Windows/Apple laptop-lending program for students is available through the Technology Lending Program located on the 3rd floor of Pearlman Hall. This program enables students with short-term computing needs to borrow a laptop for use anywhere on or off campus. Also, students with multimedia production needs can get assistance at ITS Digital Media Lab located on the ground floor of Herrick Library.

Herrick Memorial Library

Herrick Library has a wide range of print and non-print resources in direct support of school psychology. Keep in mind that the Library consistently acquires additional resources, both in print and through web access. Please check with reference librarians for new acquisitions and for information regarding accessing the various resources, including research databases.

The School Psychology's contact person at Herrick Library is Ellen Bahr. You may contact her at bahr@alfred.edu, 607-871-2976, or in room 107 of Herrick. She is available for individual consultations with you to help with your research or to answer other library-related questions.

* Approximately 13,000 volumes in direct support of school psychology
* Periodical indexes available for school psychology research:

  * On-line:
    Annual Review of Psychology
    Education Source
    ERIC
    JSTOR
    Medline
    Mental Measurements Yearbook with Tests in Print
    ProjectMUSE
    Professional Development Collection
    ProQuest Psychology Journals
    ProQuest Social Science Journals
    PsycARTICLES (APA journals in full-text, as early as 1894-present)
    PsycINFO (interdisciplinary behavioral and social sciences index, as early as 1872-present)
    PsycCRITIQUES (book reviews)
    Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection
    ScienceDirect

* Periodical Titles
  Education – over 700 titles
  Psychology – over 500 titles

* Journals with editorial policies of major interest to school psychologists:

  Primary Journals:
  Journal of School Psychology
  Psychology in the Schools
  School Psychology Review
  School Psychology Quarterly
  Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment

  Secondary Journals:
  Adolescence
  American Educational Research Journal
  American Journal of Education
  American Journal of Mental Deficiency
  American Journal of Orthopsychiatry
  American Psychologist
  Child and Family Behavior Therapy
  Child Development
  Educational and Psychological Measurement
  Educational Review (Absorbed by School and Society)
Electronic Resources
Via Herrick’s Home Page, http://herrick.alfred.edu, a student has access to dozens of databases covering a wide variety of subject matters. Of primary interest is PsycINFO, which is the online equivalent of Psychological Abstracts. This database offers abstracts of journal articles, research reports, chapters from books, and dissertations going back more than 100 years. It can be accessed from any networked computer on campus or from home. To connect from off campus, go to the Herrick Home Page (http://herrick.alfred.edu/) and select “Search” and then “Databases A-Z.” To connect from off-campus, you must have a valid AU e-mail account; if you are having difficulty accessing this service, contact the library by phone at 871-2184 or by e-mail at herricklibrary@alfred.edu.

Interlibrary Loan Services
The Interlibrary Loan department at Herrick Library obtains books, articles, and other
materials that the library does not own. This service is available for free to all AU staff, AU faculty, and current graduate and undergraduate students with valid AU IDs. The average time to receive an item is four days for articles and five days for books. Interlibrary Loan website is: https://alfred.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/YAH/logon.html

Counseling Video Database
Herrick library has a subscription to Alexander Street Press’ Counseling and Therapy in Video, an award winning video database that contains more than 400 hours of training videos, reenactments, and footage of actual therapy sessions conducted by renowned counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers demonstrating a variety of therapeutic approaches.

Additional Services Available
- Online access to electronic resources 24/7 from on and off campus
- Wireless access
- Desktop computers with Internet access, and Microsoft software including Word, EndNote, and SPSS
- In-library laptop lending program
- Printers and scanners
- 24-hour study room
- Leisure reading including bestsellers, music CDs, books on tape, DVD and video collections, current newspapers and magazines
- Extended hours during exam week
- Group and quiet study rooms
- Microfilm readers
- Special Collections and the University Archives

Library Hours (Always check for changes in hours during breaks, holidays, etc. The full schedule is posted on the library’s website.)

Mon-Thu: 8:00AM - 1:00AM
Fri: 8:00AM - 11:00PM
Sat: 10:00AM - 11:00PM
Sun: 12:00PM - 1:00AM

24-Hour Study Room: Open 24 hours/day, seven days a week, during the academic year.
**Career Development Center**

The Career Development Center, located in the Steinheim building above the Powell Campus Center, is dedicated to the principle of helping all students develop essential career related knowledge and skills. This includes but is not limited to career decision making, resume and cover letter development, interviewing and networking skills, and assistance with the job and internship search. The Career Development Center offers the following services:

- One-on-one appointments to address career related issues, including walk in hours every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon from 1 to 4pm
- Handshake: Alfred University’s job and resume posting web portal
- Numerous career events including the Engineering Career Fair, Graduate School Fair, Internship & Summer Job Fair, Etiquette Dinner and Networking Event, just to name a few
- A database of alumni contacts that represent a variety of educational and professional backgrounds
- Extensive job and internship search resources
- Free, lifetime supply of career services for Alumni

For more information or to schedule a meeting with a career counselor/advisor, call 607.871.2164 or email us at cdc@alfred.edu.

**Wellness Center (Counseling and Health Services Offices)**

The Wellness Center comprises Counseling Services and Health Services, and is located near the Saxon Inn (the current version of the campus map lists this location as Crandall Wellness Center). These offices, a component of Student Affairs, provides a comprehensive range of counseling, developmental, medical, and educational services to promote the personal growth and continued wellness of University students. These services are provided by licensed psychologists, mental health counselors, substance abuse counselors, and medical professionals, and are completely confidential in accordance with
standards set by the American Psychological Association, American Counseling Association, and the American Medical Association.

All counseling assistance and most routine medical assistance at the Wellness Center is free and available to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students. Appointments can be arranged by calling (607) 871-2300 for Counseling Services, (607) 871-2400 for Health Services, or by stopping by the office.

Please keep in mind that some of our division’s students and faculty members may work in the Counseling Services Office. If you want to use these services, please contact Kim O’Rourke, Counseling Services Secretary, directly at (607) 871-2300. Tell her that you are a School Psychology graduate student, and ask her to assign you to a counselor who is not affiliated with our division.

**Center for Academic Success**

The Center for Academic Success (CAS) coordinates academic support services on campus. This includes, but is not limited to individual, group, and drop-in tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, and disability-related services here at Alfred University. Any student can visit the Center for Academic Success for an individual consultation. Staff will assist the student in determining the appropriate support service or course of action based on the individual’s difficulties and needs.

The Center for Academic Success provides support services, consultation, and advocacy for students with learning, physical, and/or psychological disabilities. Services for persons with disabilities shall complement and support, but not duplicate, the University's regular existing services and programs. The University strives to provide equitable and efficient services to all students. In addition, CAS staff are available to consult with faculty, staff, and administration on disability-related issues, determining reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities, and facilitating the delivery of services.

*Introduction:* Assurance of equal educational opportunities rests upon legal foundations established by federal law, specifically Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. By federal law, a
person with a disability is a person who:

1. has a physical or mental impairment;

2. has a record of such impairment; or

3. is regarded as having such an impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as self-care, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, or learning.

Alfred University is dedicated to providing full access to all its facilities, student programs, activities, and services, and reasonable accommodations in the instructional process, in compliance with these guidelines. Services that the university provides are designed to maximize independence and encourage the integration of students with disabilities into all areas of college life.

Accessing Services: Given that several School Psychology graduate students work at the Center for Academic Success office, you can call the director, Ms. Liz Shea, directly about accessing services, in order to maintain confidentiality. Her direct line is 871-2153. The general phone number for the office is 871-2148. Students with disabilities are given the opportunity to self-identify by completing a registration form. Those students wishing to self-identify are requested to indicate their specific disability, and to provide the Center for Academic Success with current and appropriate medical, psychological, psychoeducational, or neuropsychological documentation indicating their disability and suggested accommodations.

The form also provides a section where the student may give their signed consent authorizing Center for Academic Success staff to release information regarding the student to Alfred University faculty, staff, and administration as may be necessary and appropriate to provide the student with services.

Upon determination of eligibility, the director will work with you in arranging for reasonable and appropriate accommodations, identifying and utilizing the existing campus resources (i.e., Writing Center, Tutoring Services, Health Center, and Counseling Services),
and developing self-advocacy skills.

**Writing Center**

The Writing Center provides free writing assistance to all Alfred University students, faculty, and support personnel. Whether you need help discovering ideas, organizing information, brushing up on basic grammar, revising a final draft, taking essay exams, or preparing technical documents, the Writing Center can help you improve your writing abilities and gain confidence as a writer. The Writing Center is located in Seidlin Hall, Room 003, Ground Floor. The Writing Center is mainly staffed by undergraduate tutors, but Dr. Vicky Westacott, the Director, is willing to meet with our students. You may call her at 871-2245 or e-mail her at fcobb@alfred.edu.

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM RESOURCES**

**Journals and Files**

In the student workroom there are a number of files and resources for student use. These include past projects and dissertations of students as well as articles or "handouts" of interest. Students often find these resources very helpful in preparing for papers, presentations, or their own dissertations. A directory of all these resources is available in the workroom or from the division secretary.

**Test Library**

The School Psychology Program houses an extensive collection of standardized tests and protocols for student use (a listing is available in the lounge). The Testing Materials Use Policy (Appendix G) explains the responsibility of each student for the care and maintenance of these materials. In addition, to contribute to the cost of the protocols and maintenance of the test library, there is a laboratory fee associated with several testing courses: PSYC 627 and PSYC 629.
Housing

Most of our students live in Alfred or the surrounding communities (Almond, Hornell, Wellsville, and Andover). Many student rentals are communicated via “word of mouth.” Our students often tell us when they are leaving apartments, so that they can be “passed on” within our programs. Additionally, our division maintains an informal list of available rentals when we hear from local landlords. One may also talk with other off-campus students, watch bulletin boards (especially in the Campus Center), and talk with community members.

AU now offers a Graduate Student Housing option, with information and application available at www.alfred.edu/students/living_at_au/residence_life-53.cfm.
Appendix A: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
All School Psychology program courses (unless otherwise noted) are open only to matriculated school psychology students. PSYC 606, 607, 609, 611, 626, 639, and 671 are available to any non-matriculated graduate student or any matriculated graduate student at Alfred University with the permission of the instructor and division chair.

**PSYC 600 - Special Topics in School Psychology** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 601 - Foundations of Cultural Diversity** 1 hour. As frontline practitioners in schools, human service agencies, and higher education settings, mental health providers are faced with a proliferation of cultural issues on a daily basis. It is essential that mental health providers develop an appreciation for cultural diversity and an understanding of how cultural diversity issues interact with service provision. This course is intended as an introduction to cultural diversity issues and their impact on the major areas of practice within schools, agencies, and higher education. Upon completion of this course, students will have acquired knowledge regarding cultural issues that provide a foundation for exploring these issues in subsequent specialization courses.

**PSYC 602 - Seminar in Cultural Diversity** 2 hours. This course is an advanced seminar on cultural diversity issues and their impact on the major areas of psychology practice and research. Students will explore these issues in depth and pursue literature research on diversity issues related to their area of specialization.

**PSYC 603 - Foundations of School Psychology** 3 hours. The theoretical, scientific and practical underpinnings of professional school psychology are covered, with material drawn from both psychology and education. Topics include cognitive, social, emotional, and cultural bases of behavior; educational theory and instructional psychology, particularly related to basic school subjects (reading, mathematics, and written language); and school psychology as a professional specialty, including history and systems, role and function, models of practice, and current issues with particular attention to practice in a rural setting.

**PSYC 604 - Human Development: The Life Span** 3 hours. This course acquaints the student with the interplay of psychodynamics, behavioral, sociocultural, cognitive and interpersonal theories of development as they combine to explain personality and cognitive functioning across the life span. The student will learn to relate development theory and research to professional practice in educational and clinical settings.

**PSYC 605 - Special Topics in the Behavioral Sciences** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 606 - Advanced Developmental Psychology** 3 hours. An in-depth study of the basic scientific area of human developmental psychology. Considers development across the life span through classical theory and more recent formulations with a focus on empirical
research findings. Included are biological, cognitive, social, emotional and cultural factors which influence normal development.

**PSYC 607 - Learning and Cognition** 3 hours. A study of the basic processes underlying learning, memory and higher cognitive functions such as conceptualization, problem solving and language. Emphasis on the relevance of recent research and theoretical developments in cognitive psychology to school learning. Topics include attention, memory, information processing, problem solving, reasoning, creativity, and experimental paradigms for the study of cognition and learning.

**PSYC 608 - Social Psychology and Behavior** 3 hours. This course provides a comprehensive background of the predominant models of human personality as formulated by such theorists as Adler, Freud, Jung, Kelly, and Skinner, as well as focus on current research in personality. Such topics as individual differences in traits, cognitive styles, and forms of emotional relatedness are explored and the current controversies regarding the consistency of personality and the question of genetics versus environmental factors in the evolution of human behavior are examined. The interface between pure personality theory/research and its application to social realities and clinical settings is emphasized.

**PSYC 609 - Physical Bases of Behavior** 3 hours. An overview of basic neuroanatomy and neurophysiology is presented to provide a foundation for understanding the biological bases of human cognitive functioning. Neurologically based problems encountered in the schools are discussed.

**PSYC 610 - Special Topics in Cultural Diversity** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 611 - History and Systems of Psychology** 3 hours. This course presents a comprehensive orientation to the science and practice of psychology. Progressing from ancient foundations to the current state of the discipline, the course is designed to illustrate both the continuity and incremental development of psychology as a science and profession.

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The course content is organized around three major themes: (1) the historical development of the discipline of psychology as a science and profession; (2) the systems, or “schools of thought” that form the foundation of psychology both historically and currently; and (3) the interweaving influence, as well as tensions, between the science and practice of psychology. The goal is for students to further develop their identities as psychologists through an understanding and appreciation of the broad landscape upon which their discipline is constructed.

**PSYC 615 - Special Topics in Cultural Diversity II** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 616 - Human Development: Exceptionality** 3 hours. This course covers the range of physical, cognitive, communication, and social/emotional exceptionalities in human development from childhood to early adulthood. One focus will be on the commonalities,
not just the differences, between children and youth with disabilities and their non-disabled peers. A second focus is on understanding the different contexts of disability.

**PSYC 617 - Managing the Classroom** 3 hours. The course provides both theoretical background and application techniques for developing sensitive and effective classroom management. Behavior management and other methods used to create positive teaching-learning settings for students with special education needs are emphasized. The course focuses on the application of techniques in school environments.

**PSYC 618 - Affective Development in the Classroom** 3 hours. This course examines current research, theory, and application of effective development in children and youth and affective education in the classroom and focuses on strategies for creating healthy teaching-learning environments in all schools for all students.

**PSYC 619 - Psychoeducational Interventions** 3 hours. This course focuses on interventions that are appropriate for use with a wide range of psychoeducational problems that children present in the schools. Remedial strategies for reading, spelling, math, written expression and language difficulties are reviewed. Case studies are utilized as a method of exploring the interventions. Desired behaviors are specified, interventions planned and their effectiveness evaluated systematically.

**PSYC 620 - Special Topics in Schooling I** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 625 - Special Topics in Schooling II** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 626 - Psychological and Educational Measurements** 2 hours. Basic theory of psychological and educational measurements and the elementary statistics of test score analysis including reliability, validity, item analysis, and scales of measurement. Evaluation and selection of standardized tests is emphasized as well as the theory bases of measurement of individual differences. Observational procedures will also be discussed and implemented.

**PSYC 627 - Norm-Referenced Testing I** 2 hours. This course focuses on the administration, scoring and interpretation of individually administered norm-referenced instruments. Attention is focused on those instruments related to the assessment of cognitive abilities and learning behaviors of school-aged children. The major purpose is to develop the student's repertoire and mastery with these measures and to increase the students' capacity for evaluation of individual behavior and report writing. Co-requisite: PSYC 626. Lab fee required.

**PSYC 628 - Academic Functioning** 3 hours. Examines the reading, mathematical and language arts processes and methods of assessing these. A variety of educational assessment techniques are reviewed including norm-referenced tests, curriculum-based approaches, and informal probes, and systems of direct observation. The use of these techniques to assist in the identification of educational difficulties is examined. Approaches
to interventions for educational difficulties are surveyed highlighting the link between assessment and remediation. Lab fee required.

PSYC 629 - Social-Emotional Assessment 3 hours. This course provides information and training about a variety of instruments and techniques available to assess the psychological status and functioning of persons and systems, with a particular emphasis on children, adolescents, and families. Modern thematic storytelling tests and objective behavior rating scales are highlighted. The course also covers traditional projective approaches, as well as more recently developed techniques involving social skills and family assessment. Important theoretical and measurement issues are discussed as well as ethical concerns. Students are required to practice administration, scoring, and interpretation of many of the techniques discussed. Prerequisite: PSYC 626. Lab fee required.

PSYC 630 - Special Topics in Assessment I 1-3 hours.

PSYC 632 - Norm-Referenced Testing II 2 hours. Norm-Referenced Tests II is a continuation of training in the processes of assessment of children’s cognitive, achievement, and language development. A variety of norm-referenced instruments will be reviewed, including broad-based comprehensive measures and diagnostic measures, as well as approaches for children from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Important theoretical issues in intelligence and research-based practices regarding academic development and assessment will be discussed. While students will be required to practice the administration and scoring of assessment instruments, the main focus of this course will be to develop higher-level interpretive skills and ability to communicate findings effectively in a written format. Prerequisite: PSYC 627.

PSYC 635 - Special Topics in Assessment II 1-3 hours.

PSYC 636 - Foundations of Interpersonal Effectiveness 3 hours. This course focuses on the training and practice of personal skills, which are the prerequisites to the functioning as a professional psychologist. Included is the study of theories and research from which those skills are derived. The course includes lectures, behavioral rehearsal and group activities, and involves critical self-examination and peer review. Students must demonstrate adequate levels of interpersonal skills according to the instructor’s evaluation, in order to successfully complete the course. Such success is a prerequisite for admission to the Intervention sequence in the School Psychology Program.

PSYC 637 - Introduction to Group Dynamics 1 hour. The focus is on developing an understanding of the group process and its evolution, including basic group concepts and their applications. Students are involved in the process as they experience and then conceptualize group processes. An integral part of the experience is the student’s engagement in self-examination. (Cross-listed as COUN 637)

PSYC 638 - Psychotherapy and Behavior Change 3 hours. This course covers a broad range of psychological interventions, with particular emphasis on their applications with children and families. Theory and research in counseling and psychotherapy are covered
with emphasis on behavior therapy, cognitive behavior therapy, and behavior modification. Prerequisite: PSYC 636.

**PSYC 639 - Exceptionality in Learning and Behavior** 3 hours. This course presents the varieties of exceptionality in human learning and behavior. Various psychologically and educationally handicapping conditions are discussed. Classification systems, diagnosis, symptomology, prevalence, incidence, course and treatment are covered with an emphasis on empirical research findings. Professional, societal, and cultural issues in exceptionality provide an important focus for discussion.

**PSYC 640 - Special Topics in Intervention I** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 641 - Introduction to Family Therapy** 3 hours. This seminar is a multi-purpose course designed to supplement student experiences in the clinic practicum and to provide a practical introduction to family therapy. Specifically, students will be trained in concepts and techniques of structural-strategic family therapy through videotaped demonstrations and simulations. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss actual clinic cases as a means of applying family therapy concepts. At the completion of the course, participants should have developed foundation skills for using family therapy interventions. Prerequisites: PSYC/COUN 636 and PSYC 637, or permission of the instructor.

**PSYC 642 - Clinical Seminar: Advanced Topics in School Psychology** 3 hours. This clinical seminar is a multi-purpose course designed to supplement student experiences in the advanced clinic practicum. The primary purpose of the seminar this semester is to provide students with the opportunity to discuss cases with students and supervisors from other practicum sections. These types of discussions are useful for broadening conceptual perspectives and generating a variety of intervention ideas. A second purpose of the course is to provide students with additional training in areas that are related to direct service provision and integration of such techniques into foundation counseling and assessment approaches.

**PSYC 643 - Techniques of Family Therapy** 3 hours. This course focuses on the development of skills for utilizing strategic and structural family therapy approaches in school settings. Course material will be taught using didactic presentations, experimental activities, and video examples. Prerequisite: PSYC 638 or COUN 638.

**PSYC 644 - Techniques of Play Therapy** 3 hours. This course is designed to introduce participants to practical techniques and models of play therapy. Topics covered include play media, designing the therapy room, and such play therapy models as non-directive, relationship, and developmental-contextual therapies, and theraplay. Students are encouraged to engage child clients in play therapy, and receive regular supervision of their cases throughout the latter part of the course. Prerequisite: PSYC/COUN 636.

**PSYC 645 - Advanced Topics in Play Therapy** 3 hours. **PSYC 646 - Consultation and Prevention** 3 hours. This course covers the concepts and practice of consultation in educational and human service settings. Emphases are on mental health and behavioral
consultation including child-centered, teacher-centered and system centered techniques. This course has a practicum component. Prerequisite: PSYC 638 or COUN 638.

**PSYC 647 - Prevention and Intervention** 3 hours. This course provides a concentrated focus on direct and indirect approaches to interacting with students, teachers, curriculum, and families to reduce the incidence and minimize the impact of behavioral and academic problems. Instruction may include organizational psychology, school structure and culture, family systems, cultural diversity, family partnerships, and early intervention programs.

**PSYC 648 - Advanced Seminar in Consultation and Intervention** 3 hours. This course provides advanced instruction in consultation techniques, intervention skills, and collaborative processes. Topics include, but are not limited to: organizational consultation, instructional consultation, behavioral consultation, and the application of consultation models in school settings. Prerequisite: PSYC 646.

**PSYC 649 - Behavioral School Psychology** 3 hours. This course presents a behavioral approach to the delivery of psychological services. The primary objective of the course is to provide an understanding of the principles of applied behavior analysis and their application in classrooms and other settings. This course focuses on both the conceptual elements of learning theory and effective behavioral intervention.

**PSYC 650 - Independent Study** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 651 - Academic Interventions** 2 hours. This course introduces students to a broad array of academic interventions. During this course students will learn the sequence of development of basic academic skills and how to target academic interventions for students with specific academic needs. There will be special emphasis on reading, writing, and written language interventions. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the academic intervention process through applied intervention project.

**PSYC 655 - Special Topics in Interventions II** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 656 - Field Experience in School Psychology I** 1 hour. Each student is placed in a school district one day each week to develop observation skills, gain exposure to the school as a system, begin to interact and practice testing skills with school-aged children and to become oriented to working in the schools as a school psychologist. On-site field supervisors, as well as program faculty, provide ongoing supervision for this experience. A campus-based seminar provides opportunities for in-depth exploration of issues relating to school functioning.

**PSYC 657 - Field Experience in School Psychology II** 1 hour. This practicum provides a continuation of skill development within the school setting. Students increase their placements to 1.5 days per week in a school district where they practice testing skills and gain experience utilizing observational techniques and providing targeted interventions. In addition, students also participate in provision of special education services where they gain experience working directly with children with disabilities in an academic setting. On-site field supervisors, as well as program faculty, provide ongoing supervision for this practicum. The practicum seminar covers topics such as multidisciplinary teams, the parent-school relationship, and the impacts of educational disabilities on school functioning.
PSYC 658 - Clinic Practicum I 3 hours. This is a practical course where students apply previous learning and gain experience in assessment and intervention with children and families and school consultation. Team collaboration, peer review and case conferences are essential elements of this course. Students work with actual clients at the Child and Family Services Center under supervision of professional psychologists. Supervision is provided through the use of audiotaping, videotaping and observation through one-way mirrors. Topical seminars are also included throughout the semester. Prerequisites: PSYC 629 and 638.

PSYC 659 - Clinic Practicum II 3 hours. A continuation of Clinic Practicum I where students will be performing the same activities at a higher level of autonomy and independence. Prerequisite: PSYC 658.

PSYC 660 - Special Practicum I 1-3 hours.

PSYC 661 - Advanced Practicum I 1-3 hours. This practicum provides additional supervised experiences in assessment and intervention at a site arranged by the student and his/her advisor.

PSYC 662 - Advanced Practicum II 1-3 hours. A continuation of PSYC 661, usually in the immediately following semester.

PSYC 663 - Advanced Consultation and Intervention Practicum 3 hours. This course provides an advanced practicum experience in consultation techniques, intervention skills, and collaborative processes. Each student will be placed in a school district for a minimum of one day per week to collaboratively develop and implement intervention plans and/or collaborative teams to address academic or behavioral problems. Program faculty as well as on-site supervisors supervise this experience. Prerequisite: PSYC 646.

PSYC 664 - Practicum in Academic Interventions. 1 hour. Each student will be placed in a school district one half day per week. Students will gain experience developing, implementing, and monitoring academic interventions in consultation with classroom teachers and other school support personnel. In addition, students will be involved in case conferences, peer review, and faculty supervision of their academic intervention and consultation activities. Co-requisite: PSYC 651.

PSYC 665 - Special Practicum II 1-3 hours.

PSYC 667 - Internship in School Psychology I 3-9 hours. The internship is the culminating experience of the School Psychology Program. It provides intensive, supervised experience in the roles and functions of a school psychologist and also a broad exposure to the educational and community environment of the internship site. Supervision is provided by one or more on-site certified school psychologists and by the University supervisor. Prerequisites: Comprehensive examinations and satisfactory progress in the program.

PSYC 668 - Internship in School Psychology II 3-9 hours. A continuation of the intensive field-based internship in school psychology, as described in PSYC 667. Prerequisite: PSYC 667.

PSYC 669 - Pre-doctoral Internship I 9 hours. The internship is the culminating experience of the doctoral program in school psychology. It provides intensive, supervised experience in the roles and
functions of an applied psychologist working in schools and clinical settings. The internship also provides broad exposure to the educational and community environment of the internship site. Supervision is provided by an on-site licensed psychologist, as well as other appropriately certified school psychologists or credentialed mental health professionals, and by the University supervisor. Prerequisites: Comprehensive examinations and satisfactory progress in the program.

**PSYC 670 - Pre-doctoral Internship II** 9 hours. A continuation of the intensive field-based doctoral internship in school psychology, as described in PSYC 669. Prerequisite: PSYC 669.

**PSYC 671 - Statistical Analysis and Research Design I** 3 hours. This course emphasizes: (a) the identification and formulation of research problems; (b) the utilization of research design strategies; and (c) an understanding of appropriate statistics such as one and two way analysis of variance, correlation and regression techniques and their applications.

**PSYC 672 - Statistical Analysis and Research Design II** 3 hours. Using examples relevant to professional psychology, this course covers advanced issues in research design and analysis. Factorial and non-factorial designs, and single-subject designs are discussed. The statistical tests to be covered include ANOVA, including planned comparisons, and ANCOVA. The course emphasizes the appropriate selection and interpretation of designs and analysis for testing specific hypothesis or for conducting program evaluations. Prerequisite: PSYC 671.

**PSYC 673 - Statistical Analysis and Research Design III** 3 hours. Using examples relevant to professional psychology, this course covers advanced issues in correlational research design and multivariate analysis. Multiple regression analysis, factor analysis, along with other multivariate statistics are covered. The course emphasizes the appropriate selection and interpretation of designs and analyses for testing specific hypotheses. Prerequisite: PSYC 672.

**PSYC 674 - Research in School Psychology** 3 hours. This course is specifically focused on the design and evaluation of studies relevant to school psychology. A broad literature is contained within this focus, including that from educational psychology, special education, counseling psychology, clinical psychology, and school psychology itself. Students are expected to apply knowledge and skills learned from previous coursework in this sequence in order to develop their own research plan. Prerequisite: PSYC 672.

**PSYC 675 - Special Topics in Research and Statistics I** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 680 - Special Topics in Research and Statistics II** 1-3 hours.

**PSYC 681 - Program Evaluation** 3 hours. This course introduces students to the theories of program evaluation and various program evaluation models. Students review and critique a number of program evaluations. The implications that theory and program evaluation standards have on local, state and federal evaluations are presented. This course is taught in a seminar format.

**PSYC 682 - Service Delivery in the Rural Context** 3 hours. The practice of applied professional psychology in a rural area has its own unique characteristics in terms of social, cultural and economic
factors. In addition, the stresses and strains on the practitioner are identifiably specific considerations. This course covers these issues in an effort to prepare students for specialized in rural environment.

**PSYC 683 - Advanced Seminar: Social Cognition** 3 hours. This seminar focuses on the development of children's understanding of the thoughts, intentions, and feelings of others and how this relates to their understanding of those processes within themselves.

**PSYC 684 - Advanced Seminar: Health Psychology** 3 hours. This course concentrates on the contribution of psychology to the understanding and treatment of physical problems. Particular emphasis is placed on the treatment of disorders such as hypertension, eating disorders, and chronic headaches in children and adolescents. Students will become familiar with the clinical research applying behavior techniques to the treatment of a number of specific medical disorders, and will be able to discuss the relative merits of various approaches to these disorders.

**PSYC 685 - Special Advanced Seminar I** 3 hours.

**PSYC 686 - Advanced Seminar: Theories of Intelligence and School Learning** 3 hours. This course examines the research regarding theories of intelligence as well as variables that affect school learning. Spearman, Thorndike and the more traditional models are reviewed as well as the psychometric viewpoint and information processing theories. Discussions focus on the relationship to the practice professional psychology and the development of applied research projects.

**PSYC 687 - Advanced Seminar: Early Childhood Services** 3 hours. This course covers issues and topics specifically related to the expanded role of the school psychologist in the assessment and intervention with infants and toddlers. In a combination didactic and seminar format, students are exposed to current theory and research regarding the delivery of services to these children and their families, and are required to think critically about the various topics and issues emerging from this new focus. A practicum experience in an early childhood setting provides opportunities to practice assessment and intervention skills and a context for application of current research.

**PSYC 690 - Special Advanced Seminar II** 3 hours.

**PSYC 691 - Organizational Change and School Reform** 3 hours. This is an advanced seminar for school professionals interested in organizational change and reform in school settings. Organizational consultation will be considered as a framework for delivering school-based services designed to prevent various learning and adjustment problems often seen as societal issues, such as drug abuse, violence, risky behaviors, and dropping out of school. The course is based on a constructionist perspective where students are actively involved in developing school-based projects involving principals of organizational change to improve instruction, student supports, or service delivery.

**PSYC 692 - Supervision and Administration of Psychological Services** 3 hours. This course prepares psychologists to function in supervisory and administrative capacities in delivering human services in schools and other child and family-oriented settings. Students become familiar with important issues in these areas and understand organizations from systems perspective. The essential elements and models of effective supervision are also examined.
PSYC 695 - Professional Practice Seminar 3 hours. This course examines the professional, legal and ethical practice of school psychology through lecture, discussion and readings. Focuses on the school psychologist as a systems level facilitator/change agent. Topics include special education regulations, the organization and structure of schools, effective facilitation within the system, ethical guidelines, identification and reporting of child abuse, and related issues. Prerequisite: PSYC 603.

PSYC 696 - Integrative Seminar in Professional Psychology 3 hours.

PSYC 699 - Dissertation 1-12 hours.
Appendix B: LIST OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SUPERVISORS FOR FIELD PLACEMENTS
**Field Placements**

Note: This is a list of schools which are frequently worked in by our students. The actual list does vary each year, based upon the availability of supervisors and student needs.

Allegany-Limestone Central School District  
Allegany, NY 14804  
Dr. John Wolfgang  
(716) 375-6600, Ext. 8173

Corning City Schools  
Painted Post, NY 14870  
Dr. Stephanie Kapral  
Dr. Heather Pryslopski  
(607) 936-3704

Dansville Schools  
Dansville, NY 14437  
Dr. Kim Birmingham  
(585) 335-4020

Hornell City Schools  
Hornell, NY 14843  
Nancy Shedlock, School Psychologist  
(607) 324-3703

Letchworth Central School District  
Gainesville, NY 14066  
Dr. Pamela Wilkie  
(585) 493-2571

Portville Central School  
500 Elm Street  
Portville, NY 14470  
Dr. Michelle Edick  
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Appendix C: PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM

(Student Self-Evaluation and Faculty Evaluation of Student)
Division of Counseling and School Psychology  
Alfred University  
Performance Evaluation

Student______________________________   Date_______________  
Year in Program: ___1 ___2 ___3  
GPA______________

Rating Scale:

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Faculty Representative Signature      Student Signature

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Date of Review
Appendix D - FIELD PLACEMENT STUDENT EVALUATION FORM
Alfred University  
Division of Counseling and School Psychology  
Field Placement Student Evaluation Form

Student: ____________________________________  
School: ________________________________

Supervisor: ________________________________  
Title: ________________________________

Semester:  ☐ Fall  ☐ Spring  
Date: _______________

Please use the following scale to rate the student’s skills, behavior, knowledge, and attitudes based on the performance expectations for a beginning graduate student.

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Interpersonal Attributes (Program Goal A)

*How well did the student...*

1. Facilitate positive cooperative relationships  
2. Demonstrate energy and enthusiasm  
3. Involve him/herself in daily practicum activities  
4. Effectively communicate with school personnel  
5. Establish rapport with children  
6. Meet difficult situations with self-control  
7. Exhibit willingness to benefit from constructive criticism  
8. Demonstrate tolerance for others’ values and viewpoints  
9. Show concern, respect, and sensitivity to the needs of students

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**Professional Responsibilities and Development (Program Goal A)**

*How well did the student...*

1. Work assertively but constructively with site professionals  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
2. Establish appropriate work priorities and manage time efficiently  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
3. Use feedback from supervision in a productive manner  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
4. Demonstrate effective problem-solving skills  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
5. Present a good personal appearance  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
6. Display appropriate initiative and resourcefulness at an appropriate, independent level  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
7. Observe scheduled hours and appointments at assigned building(s) in a punctual manner  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
8. Actively work toward the completion of field placement plan  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
9. Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the collaborative planning and decision-making process  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  

**School and Systems**

*How well did the student...*

1. Demonstrate knowledge of school policies and procedures  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
2. Demonstrate an understanding, with some depth, the overall organization of the special education delivery system  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the problem-solving process from a systems/organization level  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
4. Demonstrate a systems understanding of the school district, K-12 organization  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the academic and behavioral support services available for students  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
6. Demonstrate an awareness and knowledge of school-wide policies that guide school psychology practice  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
7. Demonstrate knowledge and awareness of school climate and its relationship to effective learning environments  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A  
8. Demonstrate awareness of systematic data collection and its relationship to data-based educational decisions  & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & N/A
**Home/School/Community Collaboration**

*How well did the student...*

1. Demonstrate an awareness and knowledge of parent perspectives across various home-school interactions  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

2. Demonstrate an understanding of parents’ varying attitudes and/or needs related to their child’s development, learning, and behavior  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

3. Demonstrate an awareness of various efforts by your school/district to involve families in education and service delivery  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

4. Demonstrate an awareness and knowledge of the importance for school psychologists to work effectively with families, educators, and members of the community to promote services to children and families  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

**Professional Development**

*How well did the student...*

1. Express a commitment to engage in continuing professional development  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

2. Demonstrate an awareness and knowledge of traditional school psychology methods and models of practice (e.g., assessment, client-centered consultation, counseling, special education placement decision making)  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

3. Demonstrate an awareness and knowledge of current best practice school psychology methods and models (e.g., indirect service, Response to Intervention, progress monitoring, consultee-centered and systems consultation, organizational change, prevention science)  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

4. Demonstrate an awareness and knowledge of ethical, professional, and legal standards  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

5. Show enthusiasm and dedication to early career involvement in the profession of school psychology  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

6. Show commitment to the development of professional skills (e.g., attendance to a training or in-service presentation)  
   1 2 3 4 N/A

**Diversity Development**

*How well did the student...*

1. Achieve comfortable interactions with students of diverse backgrounds  
   1 2 3 4 N/A
2. Work in a culturally responsive manner with individuals and groups within the school setting, that may have diverse values, ethical perspectives, world views, or backgrounds (e.g., cultural, social, ethnic, racial, economic)  

**Technology**

*How well did the student...*

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the variety of ways in which adaptive technology is used to benefit students with disabilities  

2. Demonstrate knowledge of the variety of ways that technology is used to enhance school psychology practice (i.e., behavioral observation, data management for progress monitoring, computer scoring of assessments)  

**Overall rating of student performance:**

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**Areas of Strength:**

**Areas for improvement and/or professional development:**

Signature of Supervising Psychologist: ________________________________ Date: ________________

Signature of Student: _______________________________________________Date: _________________

*Note: student signature indicates only that the evaluation has been discussed between the supervisor and student.*
Appendix E – CLINIC PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM
Division of Counseling and School Psychology  
Alfred University

Clinic Practicum Performance Evaluation  
___Fall Semester  ___Spring Semester

Student______________________________________               Date__________________
Clinic Group: _____ Monday     _____ Tuesday    _____Wednesday   _____Thursday
Clinic Supervisor:___________________________________________________________

_______ Self-Rating    _______ Supervisor Rating

Ratings

4 Exceeds Expectations:  Student has demonstrated highly competent behavior at a level judged to be well-above trainees at present level of training

3 Meets Expectations:  Student has demonstrated satisfactory behavior at a level expected given present level of training

2 Approaching Expectations: Student has demonstrated some aspects of behavior; however needs more practice to reach expected level of performance

1 Below Expectations:  Student has failed to demonstrate the expected behavior after repeated attempts with constructive feedback

N/A Not Applicable:  The student has not had an opportunity to demonstrate the behavior

Part I. Professional Interpersonal Competencies

1) Open to feedback and suggestions from supervisor  1  2  3  4  N/A

2) Open to feedback and suggestions from peers  1  2  3  4  N/A

3) Provides feedback respectfully and sensitively to peers  1  2  3  4  N/A

4) Utilizes feedback constructively  1  2  3  4  N/A

5) Applies basic interpersonal conditions to case discussions  1  2  3  4  N/A

6) Actively participates in case discussions  1  2  3  4  N/A

7) Appropriately assertive in interpersonal interactions  1  2  3  4  N/A

8) Conducts self consistent with professional ethical standards  1  2  3  4  N/A

9) Demonstrates awareness of boundaries of confidentiality when providing psychotherapy to children and families  1  2  3  4  N/A
Comments regarding Professional Interpersonal Competencies:

**Part 2. Clinical Competencies**

**Assessment Skills**

1) Skill in gathering information as part of a psychiatric intake and social history process

2) Accurately and concisely complete the *Intake Evaluation Summary* including presenting problem, background information, genogram, mental status exam, five axis diagnosis, and anticipated treatment plan

3) Select and administer psychoeducational assessment instruments, including normative and curriculum-based measures of cognitive, academic, and social-emotional functioning

4) Accurately score and interpret cognitive, academic, and social-emotional measures (e.g., NRT, CBM, omnibus, and single-construct)

5) Accurately diagnosis clients using DSM-IV-TR 5-axis criteria and NYS special education regulations

6) Use of assessment results to design direct and indirect empirically-supported psychological interventions for children and families

7) Report assessment results by writing a comprehensive psychoeducational report that is concise, organized, meaningful, and appropriate to the referral problem

8) Orally report assessment results in a manner that is clear, organized, and consistent with individual characteristics of recipient (e.g., language, educational, cultural, personal)

**Psychotherapy Skills**

9) Apply techniques of basic therapeutic relationship conditions to counseling sessions, parent contacts,
and consultations (i.e., positive regard, empathy, genuineness, specificity)  1 2 3 4 N/A

10) Integrate initial assessment information from multiple informants and tools to develop clear and relevant treatment plans  1 2 3 4 N/A

11) Apply psychotherapy theories and research within individual and family counseling sessions  1 2 3 4 N/A

12) Apply appropriate psychotherapy techniques within individual sessions to enhance child’s functioning  1 2 3 4 N/A

13) Apply appropriate family therapy techniques to enhance child’s functioning and/or family dynamics  1 2 3 4 N/A

14) Use progress monitoring data to assess intervention effectiveness and change in child/family functioning  1 2 3 4 N/A

15) Keep accurate and complete records, including progress notes, psychotherapy notes, collateral contact notes, and termination summaries  1 2 3 4 N/A

Consultation and Collaboration Skills

16) Display appropriate interpersonal communication skills (e.g., PEGS) in a consultative team setting and within parent consultations  1 2 3 4 N/A

17) Collaborate with team members in the diagnosis and treatment and children and families  1 2 3 4 N/A

18) Facilitate mental health, behavioral, and instructional consultation when working with parents and teachers  1 2 3 4 N/A

19) Identify the components of family systems theory, including patterns, boundaries, subsystems, coalitions, and alliances  1 2 3 4 N/A

20) Collaborate with treatment team in serving as liaison between Clinic and school/agency  1 2 3 4 N/A

Diversity Awareness and Skills

21) Knowledge of individual differences, abilities, and disabilities (e.g., individual, family, & cultural variation)  1 2 3 4 N/A

22) Awareness of own biases and beliefs, and how they impact interactions with clients  1 2 3 4 N/A
23) Knowledge of the potential influence of ethnic, socioeconomic, gender-related, and linguistic factors on student and family functioning

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Comments regarding Clinical Competencies:

**Grade – Fall Semester:** Pass Fail

**Grade – Spring Semester:** A B+ B C F

Goals for Future Professional Development

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Clinic Supervisor Signature Date

_________________________________  ______________ 
Student Signature Date
Appendix F - INTERNSHIP EVALUATION FORM
Direction:
The internship experience is the last practicum necessary before students seek employment as a practicing school psychologist. Ratings are intended to guide the students and the program in evaluating readiness for independent practice. Please use the following rating scale in evaluating the student on the characteristics listed below:

N/A  Not Applicable; Not an appropriate goal or skill for this setting.
N/O  Not Observed

1 -  Unsatisfactory; Student's skills reflect insufficient mastery in this area; Student needs additional course-based instruction in this skill.

2 -  Needs improvement; Plans should be made to assure student gains extra practice in this skill prior to leaving the internship.

3 -  Satisfactory; Student's skills in this area are adequate for practice in schools; Student should continue to practice this skill under professional supervision.

4 -  Competent; Student is comfortably independent in this skill.

A. Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills

1. Presents a good personal appearance
2. Demonstrates dependability
3. Meets difficult situations with self-control
4. Demonstrates good judgment and common sense
5. Communicates and listens effectively
6. Shows concern, respect, and sensitivity for the needs of staff and students
7. Works well with other staff
8. Is able to relate well to children
9. Displays initiative and resourcefulness
10. Demonstrates tolerance for others' values and viewpoints
11. Utilizes constructive criticism
12. Shows evidence of continued self-evaluation
13. Observes scheduled hours and appointments at assigned school(s)
14. Establishes appropriate work priorities and manages time efficiently
15. Uses feedback from supervision in a productive manner
16. Consistently follows through when additional action is needed

Comments on personal characteristics

B. Data-Based Decision-Making and Accountability

1. Is prompt in meeting deadlines, responding to referrals, and handing in written reports and paperwork.
2. Completes required paperwork and written reports in a neat, thorough and accurate manner.
3. Understands the purposes of different assessment approaches (e.g. NRT’s, CBM, adaptive behavior, etc.) within a decision-making model
4. Clearly identifies the nature of the referral problem and the assessment questions and purposes
5. Uses a variety of assessment strategies appropriate to identified referral concerns.
6. Adheres to administration procedures for standardized tests.
7. Displays accuracy in scoring tests
8. Analyzes and interprets test results in a meaningful and thorough fashion
9. Writes coherent, focused, and well organized reports.

Comments on Data-Based Decision-Making and Accountability

C. Consultation and Collaboration

1. Maintains visibility and accessibility within assigned school(s)
2. Establishes effective collaborative relationships with teachers and other school personnel
3. Serves as a resource for school or agency staff.
4. Utilizes a problem-solving model to identify concerns, gather data, set goals, generate interventions, and monitor progress.
5. Evaluates effectiveness of consultation strategies used.

Comments Consultation and Collaboration
### D. Effective Instruction and Development of Cognitive/Academic Skills

1. Conducts observations, interviews, and record reviews to effectively assess educationally relevant ecological variables  
   
2. Makes recommendations that follow logically from the assessment results and are educationally relevant  
   
3. Draws from theoretical and research bases when conceptualizing cases where students demonstrate a lack of academic success  
   
4. Clearly delineates the goals of academic intervention  
   
5. Uses intervention strategies that are empirically supported in addressing the assessed problem  
   
5. Appropriately monitors and evaluates progress toward intervention goals  
   
6. Evaluates the effectiveness of academic interventions  

Comments on Effective Instruction and Development of Cognitive/Academic Skills

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### E. Socialization and Development of Life Skills

1. Draws from theoretical and research bases when conceptualizing cases where students demonstrate inadequate social/behavioral functioning  
   
2. Conducts behavioral observations, interviews, and record reviews to effectively assess ecological variables  
   
3. Clearly delineates the goals of social/behavioral intervention  
   
4. Uses intervention strategies that are empirically supported in addressing the assessed problem  
   
5. Demonstrates skill in utilizing individual counseling techniques  
   
6. Demonstrates skill in utilizing group counseling techniques  
   
7. Demonstrates skill in utilizing applied behavior analysis and Classroom management techniques  
   
5. Appropriately monitors and evaluates progress toward intervention goals  
   
6. Evaluates the effectiveness of social/behavioral interventions/therapy  

Comments on Socialization and Development of Life Skills
## F. Student Diversity in Development and Learning

1. Integrates knowledge of individual, family, and cultural diversity into interactions with students, family and staff  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

2. Case conceptualizations demonstrate understanding of individual differences and impact of biological, economic, cultural, linguistic and gender diversity  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

3. Is sensitive to sources of bias when selecting and administering tests.  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

4. Demonstrates appropriate assessment strategies for culturally and linguistically diverse students  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

5. Incorporates knowledge of cultural and linguistic diversity issues as factors in systems functioning and change  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

6. Incorporates understanding of cultural and ethnic diversity when developing and implementing individual interventions/therapy  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

Comments on Student Diversity in Development and Learning

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## G. School and Systems Organization, Policy Development, and Climate

1. Demonstrates an understanding of school and agency services and formal and informal organizational structure  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

2. Contributes theoretical and research perspectives to enhance the functioning of school and agency teams.  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

Comments on School and Systems Organization, Policy Development, and Climate

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## H. Prevention, Crisis Intervention, and Mental Health

1. Demonstrates knowledge of current theory and research regarding human development, psychopathology, life stressors, and crises in schools  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

2. Keeps supervisors and administrators informed of daily activities and involvement in any unusual or crisis events  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

3. Demonstrates initiative and resourcefulness in meeting mental health needs  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

4. Effectively collaborates with school personnel, parents, and members of the community in the aftermath of crises  
   N/A N/O  1 2 3 4

Comments on Prevention, Crisis Intervention, and Mental Health
I. Home/School/Community Collaboration

1. Communicates effectively when sharing information with parents  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
2. Serves effectively as a liaison for school and parents  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
3. Conducts effective parent conferences  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4

Comments on Home/School/Community Collaboration

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J. Research and Program Evaluation

Project Title _________________________________________________________________

1. Collaborates with school or agency staff in project development  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
2. Conducts a needs assessment  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
3. Researches program elements for application to setting  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
4. Determines goals and objectives for program  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
5. Implements project in a smooth and effective fashion  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
6. Evaluates implementation and impact of the project  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4

Comments on Research and Program Evaluation

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K. School Psychology Practice and Development

1. Demonstrates knowledge of ethical guidelines and adheres to these standards for service delivery  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4
2. Demonstrates an awareness of competency level, and doesn't accept responsibilities that exceed this level  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4

Comments on School Psychology Practice and Development

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L. Information Technology

1. Demonstrates effective use of computer/digital technology when managing data, writing reports, and communicating with others  N/A  N/O  1  2  3  4

Comments on Information Technology

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M. Overall Rating of Student

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Summary Comments:

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N. Professional Goals:
Given the above ratings of the student's current professional skills, list the three most important goals which should be established for:

1) The second half of the internship (for first semester evaluations): or

2) For his/her continued professional training (for second semester evaluations).

1. Most important goal _____________________________________________________________

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2. ______________________________________________________________________________

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3. ______________________________________________________________________________

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Evaluator's signature: _________________________________________ Date: ______________

Student's signature: _________________________________________ Date: ______________

(The student's signature indicates only that the evaluation has been discussed with the student and does not denote agreement)

Student Comments:

Please mail to: Dr. Mark Fugate, Internship Coordinator
Division of Counseling and School Psychology
Alfred University
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Appendix G - TEST LIBRARY POLICY
The Alfred University School Psychology Program provides and maintains a large number of testing instruments and resources for use in training. We are happy to provide you with this service. In our test library we attempt to maintain a ample, well kept, supply of all tests we teach, and to have at least one copy of other major tests. As you might guess, updating and maintaining the test library can be an expensive proposition. This expense is compounded if we need to replace materials already in stock due to loss or damage. The following are a list of procedures which are designed to protect our inventory, while allowing each graduate student access to the testing/training materials she/he needs:

1. Tests may only be signed out of the test room during the hours designated graduate assistants have posted. These hours will not conflict with class times, so everyone will have the opportunity to check out tests. Do not ask the test room assistants to get tests for you at any other time as this could result in their immediate removal as a graduate assistant.

2. When checking out a test you must do so in your own handwriting, in the presence of the graduate assistant. Do not ask a colleague or the test room assistant to sign the card for you.

3. Once you have signed a card for a test, you are responsible for it. If a colleague needs to use it, bring it back to the test room, note on the card that you have returned it, and let the other person check it out. If you let another person use the test while it is signed out to you, you are responsible for the condition of the test and its return to the test room.

4. There is a more limited supply of some tests (especially achievement and diagnostic measures). Therefore, it is important that you cooperate with your colleagues regarding the use of tests. Administer, score, and return these tests to the test library as soon as possible.

5. We ask your assistance in notifying the test room assistants whenever test materials are damaged or worn.

6. All tests must be returned to the test room and signed in before the end of the semester in which they are used.

7. First-year students will not be permitted to sit for the comprehensive exams until all tests they have signed out are returned or replaced.

8. You will be billed for those tests which are not returned or are damaged beyond reasonable wear. Costs of many tests can range between $400 and $800, so it is best to take care of the tests in your possession. Transcripts and grade reports will be held until payment is received.