

## **Fieldwork Supervision for PPS School Counseling Credential Candidates EDCO 292 Overview**

Welcome to the world of Supervised Experience in Counseling! Thank you for your consideration of working with a San Jose State University Counselor Education graduate student. Each fieldwork candidate seeking a PPS School Counseling credential must complete a total of 600 fieldwork hours in at least two different school levels. Of the 600 hours total, 100 must be with at least 10 pupils in a different racial/ethnic/cultural background and 25 hours must be leading group counseling sessions.

Our hope is that, over the course of the fieldwork experience within various schools/organizations, the fieldwork candidate gains exposure and experience in all of the domains of counseling, including activities such as:

- Develop, plan, implement, and evaluate a school counseling and guidance program that includes academic, career, personal, and social development
- Advocate for the high academic achievement and social development of all students
- Provide schoolwide prevention and intervention strategies and counseling services
- Provide consultation, training, and staff development to teachers and parents regarding students' needs

### **Prerequisites for Fieldwork Experience**

While each of our graduate students joins us with a variety of professional experiences and individual goals, we try to ensure that all candidates receive a solid foundation in counseling prior to beginning their fieldwork. It is expected that students will have completed the following courses and steps before beginning their fieldwork:

- EDCO 215: Introduction to Counseling and Guidance
- EDCO 218: Counseling Process and Techniques
- EDCO 232: Law and Ethics for Counselors (including Mandated Reporter Training)
- EDCO 248: Dynamics of Behavior and Development
- EDCO 227: School-Family-Community Collaboration (can be taken concurrently in first semester)
- Registration with California Teaching Credential (i.e., fingerprinting) and TB Clearance

### **Requirements During the Semester**

For each EDCO 292: Supervised Experience in Counseling course, typically completed over the course of one semester, the fieldwork candidate should:

- Complete 200 fieldwork hours (approximately 13 hours per week)
- Receive increasing levels of exposure to and experience in a variety of counseling opportunities
- Treat the fieldwork as a professional learning opportunity

### **Expectations and Requirements for the Field Site Supervisor**

- Possess a PPS Credential
- Have at least two years of experience as a counselor
- Be willing to devote at least one hour per week to meet individually with the fieldwork candidate
- At the start of the semester, confer with the fieldwork candidate regarding goals and objectives that both support the institution and support his/her growth in the field
- During the semester, mentor and train the candidate, preparing him/her for a career in the field
- At the end of the semester, complete an evaluation of the candidate's growth

### **FAQ's**

***Is the fieldwork candidate allowed to meet one-on-one with students?*** While the fieldwork candidate will start by shadowing you and your colleagues, the hope is that, later in the semester, the candidate (and you) will feel comfortable allowing him/her to meet individually with students if appropriate with your institutions' policies.

***What support does the University provide?*** Each fieldwork candidate has a University Supervisor who meets regularly with the student and will visit him/her at the field site. If you have any questions or concerns during the semester, the University Supervisor will support you and the fieldwork candidate.