

**Common Course Outline**  
**HUSC 263**  
**Clinical Field Placement in Behavioral Health Counseling**  
**3 Credits**

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

**HUSC 263 – Clinical Field Placement in Behavioral Health Counseling** supplements the internship experience for students pursuing the Behavioral Health Counseling Area of Concentration in Human Services Counseling. Clinical students will spend an additional 100 hours of supervised experience in the field, with an additional 15 hours of supplemental instruction and 10 hours of clinical supervision. Students may register for this course concurrently with the Internship, but are not required to do so.

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**Prerequisites:** Consent of the program coordinator

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. identify at least 5 clinical goals to pursue in collaboration with the site supervisor and faculty mentor;
2. document their own progress toward clinical goals during the field placement;
3. participate in clinical supervision sessions with site supervisor;
4. produce appropriate clinical documentation in compliance with agency policies and relevant state and federal laws;
5. facilitate or co-facilitate group, individual, or family counseling sessions under the supervision of the site supervisor or his or her designee;
6. employ appropriate assessment strategies relevant to the students' scope of practice and clinical experience;
7. provide diagnostic impressions based upon the assessment;
8. develop an appropriate treatment plan in collaboration with the client and site supervisor;
9. provide at least one client with appropriate referrals to non-clinical supportive services;
10. present at least one client case presentation in the group clinical supervision setting;
11. resolve legal and/or ethical issues that arise during the clinical field placement; and
12. reflect upon their own professional development during the placement experience.

**Major Topics**

- I. Clinical Goal Setting
- II. Making the Most of Clinical Supervision
- III. Clinical Documentation
- IV. Counseling Strategies in the Clinical Field Experience

- V. Assessment and Diagnostic Impressions
- VI. Treatment Planning
- VII. Referral to Adjunct Services
- VIII. Legal and Ethical Issues
- IX. Reflection on Professional Development

### **Course Requirements**

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

### **Grading/exams**

Grades will be assigned in collaboration between the site supervisor and faculty mentor.

One personal professional development plan, including at least 5 initial clinical goals

One reflection paper describing the field placement experience, minimum 3 pages in length

One clinical case presentation and supporting written documentation, minimum 3 pages in length

One written treatment plan, minimum 4 pages in length

At least 4 written progress notes, minimum 1-page length

Written Assignments: Students are required to use appropriate academic resources.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is a program requirement for students in the Behavioral Health Counseling Area of Concentration in the Human Services Counseling degree program. This course meets the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists requirement for three of the six required credits of Internship/Field Experience