Certification Practicum
Education Changes

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Overview

• Webinar recording disclaimer
• Language of presentation
• Task force and board of CCPA
• Changes to practicum education
  - 5 changes
  - effective dates
  - summary of changes
• Q and A
CCPA Task Force

• Reviewed CCPA’s practicum education requirements.
• Intention was review due to Covid 19.
• Ensure safeguards in place for virtual placements.
• Comprehensive review completed.
• Recommendations approved by Board of CCPA.
Summary of Changes

1. Practicum courses require a seminar and evaluation component.
2. Disclosure of concerns regarding competencies.
3. Clinical practicum supervisors can be off-site.
4. Re-define eligible practicum experience.
5. Virtual practicum placements.
1A. Practicum Seminar

- A practicum seminar:
  - Provides an essential backdrop to address issues raised onsite.
  - Connects practicum sites to the University.
  - Enhances student learning and experience.
  - Most practicums already have a seminar component.
  - Evident on course description.

- Effective date: September 1, 2023.
1B. Practicum Evaluation

• Evaluative component is an essential part of a practicum course.
• Most practicum courses already include an evaluative component.
• Added attestation on CCC Practicum forms that course had an evaluative component, and student was successful in the evaluation.

Effective date: September 1, 2023
2. Disclosure of Concerns

- Concerns regarding performance and competencies.
- Disclosed by supervisors/ practicum supervisors/ referees.
- An attestation will be added to practicum forms and reference forms.
- Concerns will be handled by registrar on an individual bases (ethical or competency).

Effective date: Immediately
3. Practicum Supervisors can be off site

- Practicum supervisor must be fully qualified by CCPA standards:
  - Hold a graduate degree in counselling or related field.
  - Have at least 4 years counselling experience post graduate degree in counselling.
  - Belong to a regulatory body/association with a scope of practice and ethical code comparable to CCPA.

- Can be located off site
  - will address Covid placements that are entirely online.

Effective date: Immediately
4. Re-define eligible practicum experiences

- CCPA encourages placements emphasize “Relational processing”.
  - Building/maintenance of therapeutic alliance.
  - Development of students style and orientation to counselling.
  - Emphasize transferrable skills.
  - Experience of various stages of therapy.
  - Provide continuity to therapy from session to session.
  - Provide in vivo experience (virtual and-or in-person).
  - Include the delivery of interventions.
  - Go beyond intake and assessment.
4. Re-define eligible practicum experiences...continued

• The following activities will be capped at 25% of the portion of direct client counselling hours.
  - Intake
  - Assessment
  - Psychoeducation
  - Asynchronous counselling (text/ email)

• The aim is to provide ample opportunity for students to develop entry to practice foundational skills through relational processing activities.

Effective date: Immediately
5. Virtual practicum placements

• Virtual practicums where clinical services are provided exclusively online are acceptable if they meet the relational processing guidelines.

• This will address current Covid 19 placements that have been completed entirely online.

Effective date: Immediately
Questions

• Thank you for attending!

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