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CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU
PSY 487 FIELD EXPERIENCE
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Field experience is designed to allow the student "hands on" opportunities to observe, understand, and participate in an organization's community services. This experience will allow the student to test his or her ability to work and relate to both an academic and on-site supervisor who will provide the students with feedback about the student's participation in therapeutic and educational activities. The student will explore certain aspects of the placement (be those site analysis or questions about the particular population) by relating learning with his or her practical experience.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

1. The student will select a community agency of interest, make contact with a supervisor and arrange an interview.
2. When the student and agency (person/supervisor) agree on the work experience, hours of attendance (40 hours per credit), the supervisor/person in charge and the student will sign a memorandum of understanding.
3. During the first three weeks of the experience, the student will work to determine his or her learning objectives. These objectives will be assessed by the final paper. These objectives will be based on observations that are gathered by working at the site, and student's specific areas of interest.
4. The student will work with agency/site for the agreed upon weekly hours.
5. The student will keep a weekly journal (anecdotal experiences) that may help shape his or her development of a study. *This is mandatory.*
6. The student will meet with the instructor on an arranged basis to discuss the field experience.
7. One week before the end of the Fall semester, the student will give the Evaluation envelope (see the attached) to the supervisor/agency together with a stamped envelope addressed to the instructor:

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This evaluation will count as one-half of the student's grade.

INSTRUCTOR RESPONSIBILITY

1. The instructor will coordinate with the placement supervisor to ensure that the experience is meaningful and structured.
2. The instructor will be available to answer questions regarding the project to expedite the learning process.
3. The instructor will read and comment upon the different components of this project in a timely fashion.

PAPER

The paper will include:

- a. Summary of the placement and the population that the agency services, along with the student's responsibilities.
- b. A statement of student's objectives.
- c. Assessment of how objectives were met.
- d. A description of overall experience (include both strengths and weaknesses).

GRADING

The final grade will be based on three criteria:

- a. Fulfilling the required number of hours, submitting the supervisory evaluation forms, and consultation from the placement supervisor. (50%)
- b. Meeting with the instructor. (25%)
- c. Handing in the written project. (25%)

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%