

## Jax State Psychology Department Practicum Information

### **PSY 480/481 Community Practicum**

Prerequisites: permission of instructor.

Practice of psychological techniques in a community organization such as mental health clinics, juvenile detention centers, etc.

Grades: Pass/Fail

### **PSY 485/486 Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum**

Prerequisites: PSY 220, PSY 221 and permission of instructor. Practice of behavior analysis principles in applied settings such as developmental centers and organizations.

Grades: Pass/Fail

### **Minimum Practicum Requirements (see syllabus for details)**

- 135 hours of service completed between the first day of classes and last day of finals (approximately 9 hrs/15 weeks in fall/spring; approximately 11 hrs/12 weeks in summer)
- Summary of your experience as it relates to your psychology coursework
- Performance evaluation from on-site supervisor
- Adherence to all the policies that are enforced by the community organization at which you work

## **Procedure for Enrolling in a Psychology Practicum Course**

**Recommended:** Prior to starting your search for a practicum site, schedule a meeting with our practicum coordinator, Dr. Bayles ([mbayles@jsu.edu](mailto:mbayles@jsu.edu)), to discuss which practicum would be best for you.

1. **Identify a community organization** where you would like to complete your practicum (use the examples below or create your own). Note, Applied Behavior Analysis Practicums must be completed under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). The community organization should be one that uses psychological or behavior analytic techniques to provide services to individuals. Your experience at this organization can range from observing techniques being delivered to implementing them with supervision, depending on the specific organization. Do NOT contact private counseling offices/centers (e.g., Bodenheimer Psychological and Counseling Center), outside of the ones listed, because these sites cannot provide practicum opportunities due to client confidentiality issues.
2. **Contact a supervisor** at the organization to inquire about volunteering as a practicum student. This supervisor is responsible for all your supervision in the community setting, including but not limited to, scheduling hours, training, and performance feedback (if necessary). Dr. Bayles will oversee your practicum experience via written summaries, and she will contact your community supervisor to verify completion of hours and overall job performance.
3. **Email Dr. Bayles** ([mbayles@jsu.edu](mailto:mbayles@jsu.edu)), the practicum coordinator, to present your practicum plan. Please send her the organization's name, a brief description of the job, the supervisor's name, and the supervisor's contact information (email address preferred). After evaluating the plan, you will either be approved to enroll, or suggestions will be made for alternative practicum opportunities.

The following pages include examples of organizations that have supervised or *may* be interested in supervising Jax State practicum students. Please note that some of the contacts may have changed without notice.

## PSY 480/481 Community Practicum

### Examples of Organizations

#### Experience in Mental Health Counseling

Serve children, teens, adults, couples, and families with a wide range of mental health concerns  
*(also appropriate if you're interested in clinical or cognitive psychology)*

- Garrett Counseling (Jacksonville & Albertville)
  - To apply for an internship at Garrett Counseling, visit the website and click on the "Careers" tab. Next, click "Internship Programs," then "Schedule an Introduction".
- House Counseling (Oxford & Rainbow City)
  - Contact: Anjuli Thompson ([anjuli@house-counseling.com](mailto:anjuli@house-counseling.com))
- Couch Counseling (Anniston)
  - Contact: Edith Couch ([Edith\\_Couch@gmail.com](mailto:Edith_Couch@gmail.com))
- Highland Health Systems (Calhoun/Cleburne County)
  - Contact: Susan Howell-Hogan ([SHowell-Hogan@hhsal.org](mailto:SHowell-Hogan@hhsal.org))
- Dryden Counseling (Jacksonville)
  - Contact: Torsten Dryden ([tdryden@jsu.edu](mailto:tdryden@jsu.edu))

#### Experience in Substance Abuse Counseling

*(also appropriate if you're interested in clinical or cognitive psychology)*

- Anniston Army Depot (Anniston)
  - Contact: Boyd Scoggins ([Boyd.g.scoggins.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Boyd.g.scoggins.civ@mail.mil))

#### Experience in Gerontology and Neurocognitive Disorders

- Legacy Village Assisted Living and Memory Care (Jacksonville)
  - Contact: Robbie Bell ([robbie.j.bell81@gmail.com](mailto:robbie.j.bell81@gmail.com))

#### Experience in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- The Learning Tree Residential & Education Programs (Anniston)
  - Contact: Aimee Spruill ([aspruill@learning-tree.org](mailto:aspruill@learning-tree.org))

#### Other Appropriate Organizations

\*Supervisor contact information not available. Please use the website to identify contact information.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Inc (sexual violence counseling center)
- Family Links (parenting, juveniles)
- YMCA Central Alabama (youth services)
- Coosa Valley Youth Services
- KRoberts K9 (appropriate for students interested in using behavioral techniques for animal training)
- Encore Enrichment Center for Shelter Dogs (appropriate for students interested in using behavioral techniques for animal training)

## PSY 485/486 Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Practicum

### Examples of Organizations

## Experience in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

Serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities  
under the supervision of a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)

- Milestones Behavior Group (Birmingham)
  - Contact: Hillary Owens ([HillaryOwens@milestonesaba.com](mailto:HillaryOwens@milestonesaba.com))
- Coosa Behavioral Services (Gadsden)
  - Contact: Tara Faulkner ([Tara@coosabehavioralservices.com](mailto:Tara@coosabehavioralservices.com))
- Gains Behavioral Services (Sylacauga)
  - Contact: Zach Cleveland ([z.cleveland@gainsbx.com](mailto:z.cleveland@gainsbx.com))
- Paradigm ABA (Lincoln)
  - Apply for a practicum using the “Join Our Team” tab on the website
- Act Behavior Consulting (East Alabama)
  - Contact: Courtney Steward ([Courtney@actbehaviorconsulting.com](mailto:Courtney@actbehaviorconsulting.com))
- Connect ABA (Gadsden & Birmingham)
  - Contact: Morgan Dozier ([MDozier@connectabaal.com](mailto:MDozier@connectabaal.com))
- The Learning Tree Residential & Education Programs (Anniston)
  - Contact: Aimee Spruill ([aspruill@learning-tree.org](mailto:aspruill@learning-tree.org))
- The Little Tree Preschool (Anniston)
  - Contact: Aimee Spruill ([aspruill@learning-tree.org](mailto:aspruill@learning-tree.org))
- Growing Independence Behavioral Services (Anniston)
  - Contact: Donna Ross ([Donna.Ross@learning-tree.org](mailto:Donna.Ross@learning-tree.org))
- Simplified Behavioral Health (Chelsea & Trussville)
  - Contact: Sheridan O'Brien ([sco@simplifiedbx.com](mailto:sco@simplifiedbx.com) or [info@simplifiedbx.com](mailto:info@simplifiedbx.com))
- Glenwood (Birmingham)
  - Supervisor contact information not available. Please use the website to find contact information.
- Mitchell's Place (Birmingham & Southside)
  - Supervisor contact information not available. Please use the website to find contact information.
- Alabama Autism Assistance Program (Birmingham)
  - Supervisor contact information not available. Please use the website to find contact information.
- Behavioral One (Birmingham)
  - Supervisor contact information not available. Please use the website to find contact information.

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