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School Counseling Internship Information Sheet

The school counseling internship at Suffolk University is the capstone experience for students in our school counseling program. Students are only eligible for internship at Suffolk upon the completion of at least eight courses and the attainment of a passing score on the MTEL, in addition to at least 75 pre-practicum observation hours. At this point in the students' professional development as a school counselor, they have obtained most of the knowledge needed to be a professional school counselor; the internship provides students with the "hands on" experience to prepare them to become your colleagues.

Internship Placement Requirements

- Internship students must spend a minimum of 15 hours per week in the school across an academic year (total of 450 hours minimum)
- Supervisor must hold a professional license as a school guidance counselor (grades 5-12)
- The supervisor must be able to meet with internship student on a weekly basis to provide individual supervision
- The internship student must have an appropriate place to meet with students individually
- The supervisor will facilitate the development of a diverse caseload for the internship student
- With the permission of students and their parents, internship students are required to tape record samples of their work to discuss with their university and site supervisors
- The internship student should be afforded other opportunities to become a part of the school system (e.g., IEP meeting attendance, team meetings, teacher consultation, etc)
- Internship students should not be unduly burdened with "busy work"

Suffolk University's Responsibilities

- Provides malpractice insurance coverage for students while they are engaged in their internship placement activities pursuing their degree
- Provides internship students with weekly group supervision across the academic year
- Meets with the internship site supervisor and student at least three times across the academic year
- Provides the internship site supervisor with a voucher that can be used for a three-credit course at the College of Arts and Sciences of Suffolk University
- Awards 30 PDP's to the supervisor (one for each hour of supervision)

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