

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. I agree to join the American School Counseling Association by fall of my first clinical year and to continue the membership for the two years of the cohort. (Membership forms will be provided in first cohort class.)
2. I will commit to attend all classes, except in cases of emergency, realizing that other members of the class depend on my attendance to practice their skills.
3. I agree to attend conferences both years of the cohort which are determined by the Program.
4. I understand that I must pass Decision Points 3 and 4 including all dispositions as described in the enclosed sheet to continue in the program.
5. I understand that in practicum I will need to spend 6 hours a week for one semester doing counseling activities in a school and during internship I will spend 300 hours (for certified teachers) and 600 hours (for non-teachers) doing counseling activities with 25 of those hours in a diverse placement if I am not in a diverse school, and 25 and 15 hours at two levels outside my primary internship setting (the 25 hours for another level may be the same as the diversity placement).
6. I understand that during the program I will have a twofold role. As a student counselor, I will be required to demonstrate entry level counseling knowledge, skills, techniques and dispositions. As a student client I will be responsible for choosing personal behavior change goals. I agree to make a sincere effort to work on my chosen goal with my student counselor or group leader.
7. I understand that throughout the program I will be required to self-disclose personal thoughts, feelings and behaviors during class exercises, but will be able to select what I disclose. I always have the right to decline to discuss any personal information. No part of my grade is determined by what I disclose as a student client or in class exercises.
8. I understand that it is my ethical and professional responsibility to keep personal information disclosed by other students in the program confidential, and not to disclose this outside of class. I agree to abide by the ethical guidelines of the American School Counselor Association when I work as a student counselor in the K-12 schools.
9. If I am not currently working in K-12 schools, I agree to follow regulations regarding a criminal history check of the local school system where I do practicum and internship. I understand that I will have to repeat this check before applying for my counseling license.
10. I understand that other faculty members, site supervisors, or advisory board members may review my work and copies may be kept to demonstrate program standards.
11. I have obtained a copy of and read the Program Handbook.

Signature _____ Date _____