

**CHFD 9070 Marriage and Family Therapy Practicum**  
**The University of Georgia**  
**Department of Child and Family Development**  
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**Course Description and Objective:** The purpose of practicum is to facilitate student's growth in clinical knowledge and expertise as well as aid the student in the development of their personal theory of change. This objective will be met through supervision of therapy and interaction with the supervisor and other students in the class.

**Course Requirements and Grading:** Students are expected to attend scheduled supervision sessions and be prepared to present videotaped sessions of therapy. A limited amount of case consultation and audiotape sessions will be allowed but videotape is the standard. Additionally, students will be required to schedule at least 3 live supervisions session(s) during the semester. Additionally, students are required to complete documentation in a timely manner and strive to improve themselves as a therapist.

Letter grades (A thru F) will be assigned and based on your attendance, preparedness for supervision, presentation of videotapes for supervision, scheduling live observations, accurate and up to date completion of documentation, and effort to improve yourself as a therapist.

**Supervision Format:** Supervision during this semester will be group and individual format. See below for a description of what this format involves.

**Required Readings:** Assigned by the supervisor as necessary

**Emergency Situations:** Students are required to immediately inform their supervisor of any emergency or potential emergency situations. Examples of such situations include violence, abuse, and suicide. If you are not sure whether a situation constitutes an emergency it is best to be safe and contact your supervisor. Students are also required to inform their supervisors of any cases that involve legal issues. Should an emergency situation arise call me at home 543-8560 or office 542-4821. In the event that you cannot reach your assigned supervisor please call either Jerry Gale or Stephanie Burwell. If am I out of town and unavailable for supervision I will let you know who will be covering supervision in my absence.

**Format Descriptions:** The supervisor reserves the right to use multiple formats or change any of the formats listed.

**Individual Supervision:** Individual supervision will be scheduled weekly with each supervisee getting one-on-one time with the supervisor. Typically supervision session will last for 50 minutes.

**Dyadic Supervision:** Dyadic supervision will be scheduled weekly. Supervisees, in pairs will meet with the supervisor. Typically sessions will last for 50 minutes. Students can schedule individual supervision on an as needed basis.

**Group Supervision:** Group supervision will be scheduled weekly. All supervisees in the group will be required to attend the meeting. Group supervision typically is for 4 to 5 hours and occurs one night a week. Generally, the supervision group will meet for one hour and discuss issues related to cases to be seen that evening. Next, supervisees are expected to either be conducting therapy, which will be observed by the supervisor and other students, or observing therapy. Following the scheduled sessions, the group will meet to discuss the sessions. Students can schedule individual supervision on an as needed basis.