

Synopsis

The Internship, Practicum, and Field Placement Handbook, Seventh Edition is a practical guide to the "real world" knowledge and skills that students need when they begin working in the field of mental health. This text guides interns through every phase of the internship process from finding placements to concluding relationships with clients and supervisors. Along the way students learn about ethics, clinical writing and record keeping, working with peers and supervisors, understanding diversity, and self care and safety. Following an evidence and competency based approach, the latest research findings are reviewed from the fields of psychology, social work and counseling.

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Customer Reviews

I have not seen a more comprehensive and readable text available for counseling and psychotherapy trainees preparing for their practical experience. Targeting the beginner, this book offers guidance and insight for several aspects of the training experience that are often overlooked or underemphasized by instructors. More advanced trainees will benefit from this text as well. The chapter on Clinical Writing is the clearest discussion of this subject that I have seen, giving understandable examples of common problems exhibited by trainees, and practical advice for improvement of clinical writing skills. Chapters on stresses encountered in the profession, and self-care strategies for the counselor will not only provide sound advice, but will serve to validate burnout-prevention practices to a student population that is often already over-extended. I can't tell you how pleased I am to be able to offer this book to my students.

Mediators--doctors, social workers, librarians, and others--will definitely find this book very useful in understanding the issues. For professions, such as the library and information, which does not prioritize internship in its training, are sure to benefit, nevertheless, from the other contents of the book. Ch. 1 Preparation 1 Ch. 2 Getting Started 17 Ch. 3 Ethical And Legal Issues 28 Ch. 4 Internship Classes and Peer Groups 48 Ch. 5 Supervision 56 Ch. 6 Working with Diversity 77 Ch. 7 Clinical Writing 93 Ch. 8 Records and Progress Notes 102 Ch. 9 Stress and the Helping Professions 114 Ch. 10 Self-care 127 Ch. 11 Assault and Other Risks 139 Ch. 12 Closing Cases 150 Ch. 13 Finishing the Internship 160 Ch. 14 Frustrations, Lessons, Discoveries, and Joy 166 Practicum is anyways a part of such professional courses and this updated version helps all the concerned.

Use this textbook for my one practicum class. It is a great book, but I feel like everything mentioned in the book is "best case scenario" and no internships/practicum places are like this. It was a little frustrating for some students who read the book, and did not have those experiences at their sites, but it does have some great worksheets in the back.

I would give this book 4 stars although its an excellent text to guide every intern during internship. I just wish that the book have questions and answers that an intern would technically encounter with clients and employer. For me, the book served the purpose of how to deal with issues and problems during my internship and able to be more open and communicative rather than keeping things to myself. This was a text I had to buy required by the school.

At least the first few chapters are almost too easy to read. It is easy to dismiss much of what is written as common knowledge but it is still worth the read. Much of this book comes across as common sense but a deeper examination of the material will help new interns with their placements.

This text provides not only easy to read and understand information on the practicum and internship experiences, it also is packed full of exercises to use to help the student apply the information they are reading. Our university uses it at both the Masters and Doctoral Levels.

This book was required for a first year graduate course, and I never used it. I already had encountered these tips and recommendations in applying for jobs and applying to grad school, and for how much it costs, you can get all the same information from google.

i reviewed this book in the library in anticipation of purchasing it. it's fine for what it is, a gathering of information on internship, in one location. the problem is, for what the buyer gets it is distinctly overpriced. i didn't buy it. i found another text, 'field instruction' by wilson, that was much more affordable and serves the purpose for both intern and teacher. it's a few years old, but i saved a lot of money, money i can't afford to waste.

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