Psychology Practica Opportunities: Steps to Enroll for PSY 3970

1. Go through the Practica Handout and select practicum(s) based on pre-requisites and interest
2. See the Undergraduate Psychology Advisor if you have general practica questions
3. Contact the faculty member listed in the “Contact” line of the Practicum Handout or Departmental Website
4. Contact the practicum site given to you by the faculty member
5. Print off and fill out Permission to Elect Form which can be found on the Psychology Blog Site: [http://dearpsychologyadvisor.blogspot.com](http://dearpsychologyadvisor.blogspot.com) or the Psychology Website: [http://www.wmich.edu/psychology/advising/undergraduate/practicum](http://www.wmich.edu/psychology/advising/undergraduate/practicum)
6. Attend interview for practicum site if required and bring the Permission to Elect Form
7. Complete any required background checks: see specific practicum pre-reqs requiring background checks
8. Have On-Site Supervisor at the practicum site sign the Permission to Elect Form
9. Have faculty member sign the Permission to Elect Form
10. Bring the Permission to Elect Form completely filled out with all signatures to the Psychology Undergraduate Advisor 3700 Wood Hall
11. Check your schedule to make sure you have been registered for PSY 3970 (Please contact the undergraduate psychology advisor psy-advising@wmich.edu with your WIN if you have not been registered within 5-7 business days of dropping off your permission to elect form)
12. A minimum of 135 hours or approximately 10 hours per week is required to complete a practicum

Autism/Developmental Disabilities Practica

**PSY 1403 (Previously PSY 3570): WoodsEdge Autism Practicum**

*Location:* WoodsEdge Learning Center or Kalamazoo Autism Center: Kalamazoo
*Description:* This practicum involves working with a young child diagnosed with a developmental disability.
*Availability:* Fall, Spring, Summer
*Prerequisites:* PSY 1400 and PSY 1402 (Previously PSY 3561) with “B” or better; Does not need Permission to Elect Form filled out: Coordinator will get students registered if accepted into practicum; Background check and TB test will be done by practicum site
*Registration:* Instructor and a background check is required for WoodsEdge
*Contact:* Blaire Michelin: blaire.e.michelin@wmich.edu

**PSY 3970: Summit Pointe Autism Center**

*Location:* Battle Creek
*Description:* This practicum uses evidence-based practices, grounded in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), to teach language and learning skills to young children (up to age 6) that are diagnosed with autism.
*Availability:* Fall, Spring, Summer (minimum of two consecutive semesters)
*Prerequisites:* PSY 1400 and PSY 3300 with “B” or better; Background check will be done by practicum site; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
*Contact:* Nicole Bauer: nicole.e.bauer@wmich.edu, or Dr. Jessica Frieder: jessica.frieder@wmich.edu

**PSY 3970: Summit Pointe Behavior Treatment Committee (BTC)**

*Location:* Battle Creek and surrounding areas
*Description:* This practicum focuses on the use of evidence-based practices, grounded in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), to assess and develop effective interventions for adults with developmental disabilities, individuals with mental health diagnoses, and multi-system needs (e.g., legal system).
*Availability:* Fall, Spring, Summer (minimum of two consecutive semesters)
*Prerequisites:* PSY 1400 and PSY 3300 with “B” or better; Background check will be done by practicum site; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
*Contact:* Mindy Newhouse: mindy.k.newhouse@wmich.edu, Kimberly Peck: kimberly.m.peck@wmich.edu or Dr. Jessica Frieder: jessica.frieder@wmich.edu
**PSY 3970: Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD)**

*Location:* Different classrooms and schools locations in Van Buren County  
*Description:* This practicum focuses on the use of evidence-based practices, to assess and develop effective interventions for students up to the age of 26 with developmental disabilities who exhibit troublesome behavior and/or are missing important skills from their repertoire.  
*Availability:* Fall, Spring; *(minimum of two consecutive semesters)*  
*Prerequisites:* PSY 1400 and PSY 3300 with “B” or better; Background check will be done by practicum site; *Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required*  
*Contact:* Andrew Bulla: andrew.j.bulla@wmich.edu or Dr. Jessica Frieder: jessica.frieder@wmich.edu

**PSY 3970: Great Lakes Autism Center Practicum (GLC)**

*Location:* Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research: Kalamazoo  
*Description:* This practicum involves working with children with autism and similar disorders within residential, day treatment and outpatient programs.  
*Prerequisites:* PSY 3300 with “B” or better; Background check will be done by practicum site; *Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required*  
*Availability:* Fall, Spring, Summer  
*Contact:* Neil Deochand: neil.deochand@wmich.edu

**PSY 3970: Psychological Assessment & Treatment Services (PATS)**

*Location:* Kalamazoo Area  
*Description:* This practicum serves Community Mental Health clients with difficult problem behaviors that require more intensive assessment and treatment services. While the PATS team serves some clients who have mental illness diagnoses, this site primarily works with developmental disabilities in both adults and children.  
*Availability:* Fall, Spring, Summer  
*Prerequisites:* PSY 1400 with “B” or better and PSY 3300; Previous Practicum experience preferred; Background check submitted by student required; *Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required*  
*Contact:* Cody Morris: cody.a.morris@wmich.edu or Nate VanderWeele: nathan.j.vanderweele@wmich.edu

**Education/School Practia**

**PSY 3970: Language and Literacy Practicum**

*Location:* Various locations in Kalamazoo area  
*Description:* The Language and Literacy Practicum is designed to teach undergraduate students how to apply principles of behavior to the education of children, adolescents, and young adults who struggle with reading and/or language skills. Practicum students will serve as tutors and/or classroom assistants in a middle school in Kalamazoo County. Students will receive hands-on and seminar training for the first four weeks of the semester before working for 10 hours each week in the classroom. For more information and an application: [http://academicliteracylab.weebly.com/soar-practicum.html](http://academicliteracylab.weebly.com/soar-practicum.html)  
*Prerequisites:* PSY 1400 with “B” or better; Availability for a two semester commitment fall and spring; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required  
*Availability:* Fall, Spring  
*Contact:* Garrett D. Warrilow: garrett.d.warrilow@wmich.edu and Dr. Denise Ross: denise.ross@wmich.edu

**PSY 3970: Sexual Health Peer Education Project**

*Location:* Sindecuse Health Center  
*Description:* Students provide information regarding prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, contraception and responsible sexual behavior to other students using many different methods of outreach and education.  
*Availability:* Fall, Spring  
*Prerequisites:* Students are selected by interview and/or audition; Application through Sindecuse available Nov 1-Dec 1 for spring semester; Application through Sindecuse available March 15-April 15 for fall semester; *Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required*  
*Contact:* Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

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PSY 3970: Crisis Intervention Hotline
Location: Gryphon Place: Kalamazoo
Description: Students will receive intensive training in answering Crisis Intervention Hotline calls.
Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisites: Applying and passing the screening and training process; Requires minimum of 200 hours; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

PSY 3970: Youth Shelter Practicum
Location: The ARK: Kalamazoo
Description: Students assist crisis workers at a shelter for runaway youth in creating a therapeutic environment that will motivate youth to resolve problems.
Availability: Fall, Spring, May be available Summer
Prerequisites: One previous course taught by Dr. Wright; Background check required; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

PSY 3970: Domestic and Sexual Assault
Location: YWCA: Kalamazoo
Description: This practicum involves assisting in domestic and sexual assault crisis services.
Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisites: PSY 4240 or 5240 and PSY 2500 with “C” or better; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

PSY 3970: Lakeside Treatment and Learning Center
Location: Lakeside Treatment and Learning Center: Kalamazoo
Description: This practicum involves working with youth who are involved in the justice system.
Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisites: PSY 3260 with “C” or better; Background check required; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

PSY 3970: KPEP - Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program
Location: KPEP: Kalamazoo and some surrounding counties
Description: KPEP operates residential and non-residential programs for adult offenders as a community-based alternative to incarceration.
Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisites: PSY 5240 and PSY 3260 with “C” or better; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

PSY 3970: Let’s Talk about it Girl’s Home (LTAI)
Location: Let’s Talk about it Girl’s Home: Kalamazoo
Description: This practicum involves facilitation of individual and group therapy and working with diverse populations and members of traditionally underrepresented groups.
Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisites: PSY 2500 and PSY 3240 with “C” or better; Multiple background checks required: approximate cost $10; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu
PSY 3970: VOICES Practicum

Location: VOICES: Kalamazoo
Description: Voices Against Sexual Assault (VOICES) is a community organization that seeks to join local groups and organizations in a collaborative effort to reduce sexual victimization.
Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisites: PSY 5240 with “C” or better; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

PSY 3970: FIRE Place

Location: Sindecuse Health Center
Description: The FIRE! Sexual Assault Peer Educators is a peer education program whose primary goal is to educate the campus about sexual assault.
Availability: Fall, Spring, May be available summer
Prerequisites: PSY 5240 with “C” or better; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Dr. Lester Wright: lester.wright@wmich.edu

Applied Animal Behavior Practicum

PSY 3970: Applied Animal Behavior Practicum

Location: Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animal: Kalamazoo
Description: This practicum experience involves the application of behavioral principles in the shaping and management of behavior in dogs abandoned or surrendered for adoption.
Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer
Prerequisites: PSY 1400 with “C” or better; Prior animal handling experience preferred; Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required
Contact: Courtney Hockenberry: courtney.a.hockenberry@wmich.edu, Bethany Hintze: bethany.m.hintze@wmich.edu or Dr. Cindy Pieatreas: cindy.pieatras@wmich.edu

Neuroscience Practicum

PSY 3780: Behavioral Neuroscience Research Practicum

Location: Main Campus
Description: Students will gain hands-on experience with research methods and techniques implemented in biopsychology and neuroscience by engaging in intensive study of brain anatomy through hands-on dissections and computer aided tutorials. Students will also observe selected research methods and techniques, including electrophysiology, psychophysiology, and behavioral pharmacology. Students will research scholarly scientific literature to design, plan, and implement research projects as well as gain experience with research data analysis and APA style research report writing.
Availability: Spring
Prerequisites: PSY 1000, 1400, 1600 3000, and 3720 (PSY 3720 to be taken concurrently); Application needed for consideration
Contact: Dr. Lisa Baker: lisa.baker@wmich.edu
Student Designed Practicum

Description: In order to offer students a broad range of options to complete their practica requirement, the department has established a practicum that students are able to develop and implement the practicum independently.

Requirements: Psychological in nature, on-site supervisor, faculty supervisor, minimum of 135 hours, and must be unpaid.

Prerequisites: Completed Permission to Elect Form submitted to Advising Office required.

Availability: Fall, Spring, Summer

Contact: If you have any questions, please go to the Psychology Website: www.wmich.edu/psychology/advising or Psychology Blog Site: http://dearpsychologyadvisor.blogspot.com