DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY
Psych 391:
Applied Psychology Practicum
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The purpose of this course is to provide students with applied experience in the field of psychology, and to have this experience integrated with current scholarly literature in the field. Accordingly, at the conclusion of the course students will be expected to demonstrate (through the evaluations of their supervisors) commitment to and completion of the requirements of their field placement site, and to show (via a 10-15 page paper) reflection on and integration of scholarly literature relevant to their applied experience. Requirements for the course are as follows:

1. Fulfillment of all obligations at practicum site.
2. Attendance at all scheduled meetings.
3. Completion of a 10-12 page paper on a topic approved by the instructor, integrating scholarly literature (a minimum of 5 academic sources) with applied experience. This paper will be due MONDAY, APRIL 27 no later than 4:00pm. Late papers will not be accepted.

With respect to departmental learning goals for psychology majors, this course aims to help students: (1) think critically about psychology and life as a whole, (2) communicate effectively; (3) be critically and socially engaged with the contemporary world, including being appreciative of its many forms of diversity; (4) work with and apply ethical principles, both personally and in service; and (5) become prepared for careers and/or graduate study in psychology, social work, counseling, or related fields.

Course schedule

2/3 - 6 Initial meetings re: paper topics
2/27 Paper topics due (proposal plus bibliography)
3/27 First draft of papers due (recommended but not required)
4/27 FINAL PAPERS DUE (4:00pm)

Plagiarism will result in a grade of F for the course. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, using essays from the web, copying another person's paper or passages from a paper, and copying passages from books or articles without properly acknowledging the source.

If you are a psychology major and you have already taken PSYC 102 (Orientation to the Psychology Major) you must upload the final paper to your Blackboard portfolio. You cannot receive your grade for this class until after you have done so.