

EDUC 686A – Practicum Overview
Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE)
Instructions for Practicum Students

Practicum Overview:

- SAHE Program requirement -2 credits (NEW)
- Students can register for 2 credits of Practicum (EDUC 686A) in any semester (after their first one) or summer session (this is a variable credit course so students must register for 2 credits).
- Practicums should be 60 hours and must be unpaid. (If practicum is a paid summer internship, students must complete a minimum of 60 hours of internship unpaid in order to receive practicum credit.)

Registration Process

- Students should first seek out/identify a practicum opportunity they are interested in (something that augments their knowledge/experience in an area and addresses 1 or more competencies).
- Students must receive Advisor approval and discuss portfolio competencies they will be seeking to meet through the practicum **before** signing up for Practicum credit.
- Students must also receive assistantship supervisor approval and discuss their practicum interest and time commitment **before** signing up for practicum credit.
- Students must meet with the practicum supervisor to discuss in detail the specifics of the practicum. This should include specifics of what the outcome will be (paper/product/work hours, etc.) and portfolio competencies they will be seeking to meet through the practicum.
- Students must complete SOE Form 81. Email the School of Education Graduate Programs office at soegradprograms@colostate.edu to request a copy of the form. When you send your request, you must include your practicum supervisor's name and email address.
- Signatures that are required on form include the student, Advisor and Practicum Supervisor. You will receive the electronic form through DocuSign and will receive a copy once completed.
- If students do not submit the competencies on their form a grade will not be submitted at the end of the semester until this requirement is complete.
- Upon turning in the form, students will receive the registration code to register for the practicum. Students should register for 2 credits for the practicum (Variable credit course). It is the student's responsibility to register for the practicum after they have completed the form and received the registration information.

Evaluation of Students' Practicum:

- Toward the end of the semester, the Practicum Coordinator will reach out to Practicum Supervisors seeking an evaluation of the students' performance via e-mail.
- Practicum Supervisors will receive a link via Campus Labs/Baseline to evaluate students.
- Based off of the evaluation, Practicum Supervisors will be asked to provide either an "S" (Satisfactory completion) or a "U" (Unsatisfactory completion) of the practicum.
- Evaluations will be made available via the Practicum Coordinator to be provided to the Practicum Supervisor, the Advisor or the student upon completion.

Important Things to Note:

- Students should not split practicum credits (for example, register for 1 credit one semester and 1 another). They should register for the practicum the semester they anticipate completing it.
- Students can ONLY register for 2 credits of practicum per semester.
- Students can complete a practicum during summer or breaks and register for the practicum credit the following semester (students can complete paperwork prior to practicum and hold until registering).
- Practicum selection for students should be intentional and based off an area in which the student wants to enhance their knowledge or experience in and should complement their assistantship or professional

experience by addressing portfolio competencies.

- The Practicum process is discussed in depth during the fall semester in Portfolio I for one full class period in which the process is outlined in detailed and second year SAHE students provide perspective on their personal experiences with their Practicums for first year students.

For more information or with questions, contact Shirl Portillos, SAHE Practicum Coordinator at Shirley.Portillos@colostate.edu.