I. Descriptive Information

Course Title: Practicum II in Sport and Exercise Science
Course Number: PET 4926
Catalog Description: Field experience in a sports and fitness related organization, association, or organization.
Course Credit: 12 (0,35)
Prerequisites: Overall GPA of 2.5 and completion of Sports and Fitness Practicum I (PET 4925)
Intended Audience: This course is designed for students majoring in Sport and Exercise Science within the Coaching Specialization at the University of Central Florida.

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II. Statement of Course Goals and Objectives

Goals
This course will provide students with actual professional experiences and practical hands-on knowledge of the career in which they have chosen to work. The design of Practicum II is one of an active participation role and the student will be working directly with a Practicum Supervisor at the Practicum site placement. Responsibilities and assignments of the Practicum will be designed by the organization in which the student has been placed and the student will carry a dynamic role in the operation of the organization. Successful completion of the Practicum II commitment will require a minimum of 480 contact hours to be completed with the placement and certified by the Practicum Supervisor on site. Additionally, it is the student’s responsibility to coordinate with the assigned University Practicum Instructor to schedule a series of site visits for the Instructor to come meet with the student and the Practicum Supervisor at the placement site during business operations.

Objectives
Students will:
1. Develop practical hands-on knowledge of the career and job responsibilities in which they have chosen to work. (NSSC #16, #17, #18)
2. Demonstrate effectively written and oral communication skills in a professional setting. (NSSC #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24, #25, #26)
3. Develop a greater understanding of the professional business practices and work environment common to the coaching industry. (NSSC #30, #31, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36)

4. Demonstrate a sense of professional and personal responsibility by: (NSSC #32)
   a. presenting a professional image in appearance, dress, and attitude.
   b. being punctual and reliable.
   c. completing all duties and tasks assigned as part of the Practicum experience.

5. Demonstrate a personal code of professional ethics. (NSSC #4)

6. Develop experience and knowledge of all applicable presentation technology in use at the placement site. (NSSC #29)

7. Develop a greater understanding of the National Standards for Sport Coaches (NSSC) concepts and principles learned in the program and common to industry certification exams and how they apply in a professional industry setting. (NSSC #1, #2, #3…#40)

III. Academic Course Requirements
The following are required academic course requirements for Sport and Exercise Science Practicum II:

   a. Successful completion of a minimum of 480 contact hours logged at the Practicum placement site and signed and authorized by the Practicum Supervisor.

   b. All required authorization forms and evaluations must be completed and submitted to the University Practicum Instructor prior to the semester deadline including the following:
      • Practicum II Hours Authorization form.
      • Practicum Supervisor Evaluation form.
      • Intent to Graduate Form
      • Graduating Senior Surveys
        i. UCF
        ii. Sport and Exercise Science program

   c. Industry Certification documentation submitted to the University Practicum Instructor prior to the semester deadline

   d. Professional Association membership (active) documentation submitted to the University Practicum Instructor prior to the semester deadline

   e. Identification and summarization of all eight domains, forty standards and benchmarks (200+) as listed in the National Standards for Sport Coaches

IV. Practicum Participation
The students will be instructed that they will be representing not only themselves while on site during their Practicum experiences but also the University of Central Florida and the Sport and Exercise program. Professionalism in manner, dress and job performance will be expected at all times. Should there be any question of the performance of the students during their experience, they will be required to meet with their University Practicum Instructor and their Faculty Advisor for a performance evaluation before returning to the Practicum site. The performance concerns will be addressed and a plan of action will be developed. If the problems persist, the student may be removed from the Practicum placement site.
V. Evaluation
The student’s performance in Practicum II will be evaluated in the following manners.

1. Hours Authorization form. Successful completion of a minimum of 480 contact hours logged at the Practicum placement site and signed and authorized by the Practicum Supervisor. Failure to complete the required number of hours and/or failure to submit the paperwork to the assigned University Practicum Instructor or prior to the semester deadline for the course will receive no credit.

2. Practicum Supervisor Evaluation form. It is the responsibility of the Practicum II student to have the appropriate individual complete (Practicum Supervisor) this form and return it in a confidential and timely manner to the assigned University Practicum Instructor. The form can be sealed in an envelope and the respondent sign across the fold or it can be mailed directly back to the University Practicum Instructor so long as it arrives prior to the semester deadline. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure this form is returned in time.

The Practicum Instructor will evaluate the student in the following areas and the assigned grade will be determined accordingly.

- Punctuality
- Reliability
- Professional Image, Dress, and Appearance
- Maturity
- Oral Communication and presentation skills
- Written Communication skills
- Groupwork and teambuilding skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Continuous improvement
- Critical thinking
- Working with diverse populations
- Professional Ethics
- Professional Knowledge and Skills
- Understanding of human development and performance (if applicable)
- Use of appropriate technology

3. Intent to Graduate form and Graduating Senior Surveys. It is the responsibility of the student to register for graduation no later than the start of the semester in which they intend to graduate. At the time of submitting the intent to graduate form, the student will be required to complete a University Graduating Senior Survey. There will be no grade assigned for this requirement. Additionally, the student will be required to submit a program specific graduating senior survey for the Sports and Fitness program that will be distributed and collected by the assigned University Practicum Instructor. There will be no grade assigned for this requirement. To ensure confidentiality of responses, this form can be returned to Ms. Jeanne Battersby in Room #317 on the Clermont/ South Lake campus.

The student must submit to the assigned University Practicum Instructor documentation of the three industry certifications and three professional associations that the student and his/her advisor determined through PET 3137 Concepts and Practices and subsequent advisement sessions. In the case of situations in which the student must have earned his/her undergraduate degree before being allowed to sit for the exam, the student may present documentation of payment for the certification exam in lieu of certification completion. This can be in the form of a receipt for payment or an entrance ticket to the exam. Proof of certifications and association
membership(s) will follow the same semester deadline as all other Practicum II documentation.

5. National Standards for Sport Coaches. The student must submit to the assigned University Practicum Instructor documentation from the placement site a comprehensive review of all forty (40) standards as associated with corresponding Standards and Domains listed in the National Standards for Sport Coaches (NSSC). The NSSC were illustrated in detail through the PET 3765 Coaching Theory class and subsequent advisement sessions. This document will be presented in a matrix format determined by the University Practicum Instructor and submitted with the same semester deadline as all other Practicum II documentation.

VI. Evaluation and Grading Review

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