

Course Syllabus: Graduate Practicum in Professional Studies
West College of Education
EDUC 6823 Section X10
Fall 2025, Aug 25-Dec 5

Contact Information

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# Instructor Response Policy

The best way to contact me is through email. I usually respond quickly. You can expect a response within 24 hours, however, it could be a little longer on weekends or holidays.

#### Textbook & Instructional Materials

No textbook required.

### Course Description

This course allows the student to integrate skills and knowledge learned in the classroom with his/her experience to research and report on a specific professional area of interest. Students will demonstrate their learned skills in communication, leadership, critical inquiry, and ethics, as well as speak in some manner to the student's professional development aspirations. Must be taken during the student's last semester of degree work.

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes/Course Competencies

- 1. Student will demonstrate ethical decision making in relation to practicum project
- 2. Student will practice critical inquiry in completion of practicum project

3. Student will identify leadership and communication skills in relation to practicum project

### Student Handbook

Refer to: Student Handbook

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, use of AI passed off as original writing, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individuals to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

Office of Student Conduct

# Grading/Assessment

#### Course Grade

| Assignments                       | Points |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Practicum Placement Documentation | 50     |
| Placement Description             | 150    |
| Practicum Project                 | 400    |
| Practicum Reflection              | 200    |
| Practicum Log                     | 200    |
| Total Points                      | 1000   |

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

| Grade | Points        |
|-------|---------------|
| Α     | 900           |
| В     | 800 to 899    |
| С     | 700 to 799    |
| D     | 600 to 699    |
| F     | Less than 600 |

### Assignments

All assignments will be turned in via D2L. Student must complete 100 practicum hours in the semester. There will be 5 assignments in the practicum and two zoom sessions with the instructor.

Practicum Placement Documentation

Student will upload signed practicum placement documentation in D2L.

# Placement Description Assignment

Student will complete a description of the practicum placement site/department and the reason for choosing this site.

# Practicum Project

Student will complete a practicum project at practicum placement site. Project will be chosen in conjunction with the placement mentor. Requirements for practicum project are found on the practicum project assignment document in D2L.

#### Practicum Reflection

Student will complete a written reflection of learning during the practicum and contribution to the practicum site using provided reflective questions.

# Practicum Log

Student will keep a log of 100 practicum hours completed at the practicum site. Log will be completed on practicum log template and be signed by practicum mentor.

#### Extra Credit

No extra credit will be considered in this course.

#### Late Work

Work should be turned in on time. Any issues that impact your timeliness should be discussed with the instructor.

#### **Important Dates**

Last day for term schedule changes: Aug 28, 2025

Deadline to file for graduation: Sept 22 for December Graduation and Oct 6

for May Graduation

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W": Nov 24, 2025

Refer to: Drops, Withdrawals & Void

### Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into D2L through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

### Online Computer Requirements

Taking an online class requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your

responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. For help, log into  $\underline{\mathsf{D2L}}$ 

# Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the <a href="Schedule of Classes">Schedule of Classes</a> each semester.

# Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exists in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

### Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to <a href="Disability Support Services">Disability Support Services</a> or email at disabilityservices@msutexas.edu.

### College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: Campus Carry Rules and Policies

### Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by MSU TEXAS Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

### Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are

informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

# Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit Campus Carry.

#### **Active Shooter**

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit <a href="Safety / Emergency Procedures">Safety / Emergency Procedures</a>. Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "Run. Hide. Fight." which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage "Run. Hide. Fight."

Obligation to Report Sex Discrimination under State and Federal Law

Midwestern State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. State and federal law require University employees to report sex discrimination and sexual misconduct to the University's Office of Title IX. As a faculty member, I am required to report to the Title IX Coordinator any allegations, personally observed behavior, or other direct or indirect knowledge of conduct that reasonably may constitute sex discrimination or sexual misconduct, which includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, or stalking, involving a student or employee. After a report is made, the office of Title IX will reach out to the affected student or employee in an effort to connect such person(s) with resources and options in addressing the allegations made in the report. You are also encouraged to report any incidents to the office of Title IX. You may do so by contacting:

Laura Hetrick

Title IX Coordinator Sunwatcher Village Clubhouse 940-397-4213 laura.hetrick@msutexas.edu

You may also file an online report 24/7 at Online Reporting Form

Should you wish to visit with someone about your experience in confidence, you may contact the MSU Counseling Center at 940-397-4618. For more information on the University's policy on Title IX or sexual misconduct, please visit <u>Title IX Website</u>

### Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University  ${\color{red} {\sf MSU}}$  Catalog

#### **Notice**

Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

# Course Schedule

| Week or Module          | Activities/Assignments/Exams                             | Due Date        |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Week 1<br>Aug 25-30     | Zoom with Instructor to establish placement              | August 30       |
| Week 2<br>Sep 1-5       | Practicum Placement Documentation Practicum Hours        | Due September 6 |
| Week 3<br>Sep 7-13      | Practicum Description                                    | Due Sept 13     |
| Week 4<br>Sep 14-20     | Practicum Hours  | Due Sept 20     |
| Week 5<br>Sep 21-27     | Practicum Hours  |                 |
| Week 6<br>Sep 28-Oct 4  | Zoom with Instructor to discuss progress Practicum Hours | Due October 4   |
| Week 7<br>Oct 5-11      | Practicum Hours  |                 |
| Week 8<br>Oct 12-18     | Practicum Hours  |                 |
| Week 9<br>Oct 19-25     | Practicum Hours  | Due Oct 25      |
| Week 10<br>Oct 26-Nov 1 | Practicum Hours  |                 |
| Week 11<br>Nov 2-8      | Practicum Hours  |                 |
| Week 12<br>Nov 9-15     | Practicum Project  | Due November 15 |
| Week 13<br>Nov 16-22    | Practicum Reflection                                     | Due November 22 |
| Week 14<br>Nov 23-29    | Practicum Log  |                 |
| Week 15<br>Nov 30-Dec 6 | Practicum Log  | Due Dec 6       |