

## PSYC Field Experience Courses (PSYC 4990) for SPRING 2019

### **PSYC 4990—must contact faculty supervisor to arrange contract—several options (see below)**

Field Experience in Psychology (PSYC 4990) is a specialized course in which students complete hands-on work in the field of psychology in order to acquire some practical skills, reflect on their learning and application of psychological principles in real-life settings, and read journal articles about research directly related to the practical hands-on field work that they are experiencing. This is a variable credit course (PSYC elective), and students are expected to work 3 hours per week for every 1 sh credit (some sections may have specific sh requirements). Note that most of these placements require a criminal background check, and some may also require drug testing.

#### **PSYC 4990 (section 001) Field Experience in Psychology: Middle School Tutor**

**Instructor: Dr. Jeannie Golden**

Description: This semester students in PSYC 4990 tutor and mentor intermediate, middle, and high school students from impoverished, rural communities who have academic difficulties. Many of these students do not have parents who are available to help them and have never thought of going to college prior to the tutoring experience. The ECU students receive training and opportunities to read about, reflect upon, discuss, and problem-solve issues that arise throughout their tutoring/mentoring experience.

Class will be held on Monday nights from 4:30 to 6:30.

#### **PSYC 4990 (Section 002) Field Experience in Psychology: Building Hope—Developmental Psychology in Action at an After-School Program**

**Instructors: Dr. Marsha Ironsmith & Dr. Marion Eppler**

Description: This is a service-learning course where students meet at ECU in class once per week (for training, discussion of relevant readings, and reflection) and work with elementary school aged children at [Building Hope Community Life Center](#). Activities at Building Hope will include helping the children with homework, reading books, and other educational activities and games.

Details: Students will register for **2 sh** (6 hours per week, including class, volunteering at Building Hope, and readings plus other activities). Class meetings will be on **Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00**. Volunteering at Building Hope must be done at least once per week on Monday-Thursday (open from 2:30-5:30) for an average of 2-3 hours per week (30 hours required for the semester).

#### **PSYC 4990 (Section 003) Field Experience in Psychology: REAL Crisis**

**Instructor: Dr. Jeannie Golden**

Description: In this Field Experience section, also a service-learning course, students participate as volunteer crisis counselors at REAL Crisis intervention, Inc., under the joint supervision of field supervisor (Adam May) and university instructor (Dr. Jeannie Golden). Students must apply and be accepted, and complete REAL Crisis training course. Written reflection papers are

required. Students should be willing to commit to a minimum of two semesters for this field experience.

**PSYC 4990 (Section 004)—2 sh—Field Experience in Psychology: Mentoring At-Risk Students on a TRACK Trail**

**Instructor: Dr. Jeannie Golden**

Description: This service-learning course will consist of four volunteer undergraduate students from East Carolina University mentoring 16 at-risk children and youth in Greene County. The mentors will expose the mentees to a TRACK Trail via multiple field trips to the trail with physical activities and science, nature, reading and writing learning experiences. Funding will provide travel reimbursement for volunteer tutors. Students must apply for these four positions. Class will be held on Monday nights from 4:30 to 6:30.

**PSYC 4990 (Section 005)—2 to 3 sh—Field Experience in Psychology: ABA Therapy for Children with Autism**

**Instructor: Dr. Jeannie Golden**

Description: This service-learning course will provide undergraduate students with the opportunity to work one-on-one with children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in the community. Students will learn skills in applied behavior analysis (ABA), which is an evidence-based approach for teaching children with ASD. Students must apply for these positions. Extensive training and supervision will be provided on-site with the opportunity to implement behavioral support programs. Class will be held on Monday nights from 4:30 to 6:30.

**PSYC 4990 (Section 006) -2 to 3 sh- Field Experience in Psychology: Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina**

**Instructor: Dr. Jeannie Golden**

Description: Students will have an opportunity to serve as interns at the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina with the Teen Court. Teen Court is a program that provides immediate consequences for juvenile offenders as a form of intervention and prevention. Serving as an alternative program to the juvenile court system, the offenders are ages 6-17 years old, have committed a misdemeanor offense, and have admitted guilt to the offense. Teen Court offenders receive various sanctions. Mandatory sanctions include life skills & anger management classes, jury duty, and community service.

Pitt County Teen Court accepts interns to work within the program each year. Our interns work closely with our youth to enhance their program experience, while also giving the intern an opportunity to be engaged in the juvenile justice system. If you are interested in becoming an intern for the program, please contact the program coordinators at (252) 758-0268 (ext.103 or 106). Ask for Ms. LaTanya Fitzhugh or Mr. Christopher Carr. Class will be held on Monday nights from 4:30 to 6:30.