

Registering for Fieldwork (PSYC 243), the practicum for MS Clinical Trainees

Fieldwork (PSYC 243), the practicum course attached to the trainees placement where they earn clinical experience hours as required by the BBS. Students **MUST** register for PSYC 243 each semester of the year they are at a placement.

At SJSU Fieldwork (PSYC 243) can only be taken two times.

Students do not need to register for the course over winter or summer as it falls in the “90 day rule” set by the BBS.

If a student does not have enough face-to-face psychotherapy service provision (and corresponding supervision) hours to graduate, then they will need to see clients in the summer after their fourth semester until they earn hour AND before 90 days after the end of the semester.

If a student cannot reach the required face-to-face psychotherapy service provision (and corresponding supervision) hours to graduate in the summer before 90 days after the previous semester end, then they **MUST** enroll in another course for those hours to count and to continue to earn hours toward graduation at the expense of the student. This course will not be PSYC 243 but another supervised experience course (e.g., PSYC 120R).

Students who do not have sufficient hours to graduate are required to meet with the Director of the MS Clinical program to create a specific plan, have ongoing contact with them, and file the program completion paperwork with SJSU before the 90 day deadline.

Students who do not graduate in May are required to file their own application for graduation and revisions per University rules.

See the text below from the BBS for clarification.

FROM the BBS (bold added)

Practicum Requirements For Trainees Providing Counseling Services

All counseling services provided by you as a Trainee must constitute part of your supervised course of study while enrolled in practicum. However, a **Trainee may provide counseling services while not enrolled in practicum if both of the following are met:**

The period of **lapsed enrollment is less than 90 calendar days.**

The 90-day (or shorter) period is immediately preceded by enrollment in practicum and immediately followed by enrollment in practicum (or completion of the degree program).

For example, if your practicum course ended May 29 and you are not taking a summer practicum course, you may see clients for the next 90 days provided you are enrolled in another practicum course that starts by August 27, or you graduate by August 27. If a Trainee's practicum break is 90 days or greater, the Trainee cannot count any hours gained during that time period toward licensure.

[https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/mft_ada.pdf]