

## MENNONITE BRETHERN BIBLICAL SEMINARY

**COURSE:** MF 501  
**TITLE:** PRE-PRACTICUM  
**UNITS:** 1.0  
**OFFERED:** SPRING 2007 (BEGINNING WEEK OF 1/21)  
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**SCHEDULE:** GROUP SUPERVISION—1 HOUR PER WEEK (TBA); MENTORING ASSIGNMENTS TO BE ARRANGED WITH INSTRUCTOR

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides an opportunity for MFCC students to practice basic counseling skills in a supervised mentoring setting with pre-screened mentees. The course consists of two hours per week On-Site mentoring plus one hour per week of group supervision along with necessary administrative time, over a period of ten weeks. *Students must show evidence of fingerprint clearance and liability insurance. Students meet with the Pre-Practicum instructor prior to the commencement of the course to arrange an On-Site pre-practicum placement.*

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will practice supportive counseling, focusing on rapport building skills and utilizing the core conditions of genuineness, empathy, and unconditional positive regard. Students will receive group supervision and gain a beginning understanding of the importance and uses of critical self-reflection, peer feedback, and clinical supervision. Students will be introduced to appropriate file documentation and statistical recordkeeping.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION:**

Because this is an experiential course, there are no required texts or readings. Pre-practicum students typically take this course while concurrently enrolled in advanced counseling courses (such as Counseling Individuals and Couples, Counseling Families, etc). Students must complete a minimum of twenty-eight hours of pre-practicum mentoring/supervision to receive 1.0 credit. Students will receive a pass/fail grade which will reflect evaluation in five areas: attendance, counseling/interpersonal skills, utilization of feedback/supervision, documentation/recordkeeping, and professionalism (dependability, punctuality, attire, demeanor with colleagues, etc.).

**CLASS POLICIES:**

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