

Ball State University Counseling Center Training Program

Policy for Applying for a Training Placement and Receiving Services in the Counseling Center

Given the potential ethical concerns regarding dual relationships within the Counseling Center, no member of the training class, regardless of their specific training program, may receive Counseling Center services while in training at the Center. Individuals currently receiving services and who anticipate applying for a placement in the Training Program are required to cease services by the end of the semester prior to the semester they intend to apply.

The policy is not intended to discourage individuals from obtaining services as needed. The Counseling Center staff values the contribution therapy makes to the development and growth of graduate students in training. This policy is intended to minimize the potential negative effect on the students served and to address potential issues emerging from dual role relationships with Counseling Center clinical staff.

The guidelines for the policy are as follows: (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

- Students intending to apply for training placements in the Counseling Center must cease all services by the end of the semester prior to the semester they intend to apply for placement. For applicants from the Ball State Counseling Psychology program this is the end of the fall semester. For applicants from the Ball State Social Work program, this is the end of the spring semester.
- Doctoral students from the Ball State Counseling Psychology program intending to apply for a Doctoral Internship in Health Service Psychology placement with the Counseling Center may not receive services from the Counseling Center during the internship application year (beginning August 1).
- Any applicant not placed at the Counseling Center following the completion of the placement process, may resume or initiate services as needed.
- Applications not meeting these criteria are not considered for placement. There are no exceptions. A list of local practitioners is available and provided as needed.