

Internship in Psychology (PSYC 368)

Internship offers students the opportunity to gain first-hand experience in several non-clinical areas of psychology including industrial/organizational psychology, human factors psychology, program evaluation, teaching assistantship, and research. Internship involves field experience in non-clinical (therapeutic, social support) areas. There are a wide variety of experiences that fall under internship including working in a human resources/personnel office, evaluating programs run by non-profit and other types of organizations, program development, and serving in a research lab outside the psychology department.

Internship requires 120 hours of service over the course of the semester. Students typically work two 4-hour sessions per week. Internship is graded pass/fail based supervisor evaluation of successful completion of hours at the site. A maximum of 6 credits of PSYC 368 can be earned.

NOTE: Students interested in serving as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant must apply to and sign up for PSYC 395: Topics, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant I. Contact Suzanne Morrow at sxmorrow@odu.edu for more details.

Difference between Internship (PSYC 368) and Practicum (PSYC 369)

Practicum involves field placement in an organization in which you work with and/or observe individuals receiving clinical or social support services. Internship is field placement in an organization that is non-clinical in nature; i.e., positions in program evaluation, research, or personnel work. Students enrolled in Internship are NOT allowed to do clinical work.

Prerequisites:

Students must successfully complete PSYC 317 with a C (2.0) or better and either have PSYC 318W completed with a C (2.0) or better, or be co-enrolled in PSYC 318.

Enrollment in PSYC 368 Internship:

Before securing an internship site, students interested in this course should contact Suzanne Morrow at sxmorrow@odu.edu. Ms. Morrow will help with the selection of a site, but it is the student's responsibility to apply for, interview with, and secure an internship site prior to the start of the semester in which they will be enrolled in PSYC 368. Securing a site takes time and it is highly recommended that students start this process **during the academic semester prior to enrolling in the course**, as there are multiple steps to complete before the students are granted permission to apply to site.

Steps for Enrolling in PSYC 368 Internship:

- _____ Step 1: Conduct and interview with Suzanne Morrow (sxmorrow@odu.edu)
- _____ Step 2: Resume review with Career Development Services
- _____ Step 3: Receive internship site information and contact sites
- _____ Step 4: Interview with sites and secure a placement
- _____ Step 5: Contact Suzanne Morrow regarding placement, return Service Learning Contract to Career Development Services, and register for course