

# EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

## EXPERIENCE360 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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### DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY

All students are required to complete **four** Experience360 (E360) activities in alignment with the course competencies and concurrently aligned with the students' chosen area of focus. The required academic E360 credits will be achieved through the Student Research and Ed Psych Thesis courses that operate in concert with the internship.

#### Group A – Required Activities:

##### Field Experience / Career Exploration Experiences (non-credited)

- **Field Experience – Stage 1: Observation** (2 semesters – minimum of **20 hours** / semester)
  - Candidates are observers in a variety of education and training-related settings. Apart from school related programs, there should be a range of experiences so that candidates have a broad experience and learn as much as possible about learners and educational philosophy. Settings include but are not limited to PK-12 education, informal and club-based activities; coaching and sports-related activities; corporate training and development; and career and technical education.
- **Field Experience – Stage 2: Exploration** (2 semesters – minimum of **20 hours** / semester)
  - Candidate works under a full time teacher or trainer in small groups / projects. Activities could include tutoring; job coaching; helping with design of learning / training events; and so forth.
- **Field Experience – Stage 3: Training / Teaching** (**minimum of 2 semesters**)
  - Training / teaching is where candidates will work with small groups, in formal settings under the supervision of a full time trainer / teacher. For this phase of practicum experience, students will be leading some of the training / teaching events but will not be in full control or responsible for outcomes. Stage 3 also includes:
    - **Project Based Fieldwork:** Through the project-based fieldwork, the candidate will have the opportunity to apply competencies related to the planning, training, and assessment of learners, as well as competencies related to motivational strategies and managing a learning environment in various settings. Student must develop a proposal and present to the Education Department for approval.

#### Group B – Required Activity

- **Internship** (2 semesters)
  - This is a 12 week training / teaching experience during the student's final two semesters. The student must be supervised by a full time trainer / teacher / project lead with knowledge and standing within the professional organization and with appropriate professional credentials and experience. The internship is defined as a set of organized and carefully planned training / teaching experiences with clearly defined components and assessable outcomes. Students are assigned to one or more projects within the organization and are closely supervised and mentored by a qualified professional who provides regular feedback to the student on his or her training / teaching performance. General supervision of trainers / teachers is provided by a Delaware Valley University faculty member.

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