



Department of Counselor Education  
College of Education  
777 Glades Road  
Boca Raton, FL 33431  
tel: 561.297.3602  
fax: 561.297.2309  
[www.coe.fau.edu/counsel](http://www.coe.fau.edu/counsel)

To: All Mental Health Students:  
From: Mental Health Faculty  
Date: November 19, 2008  
RE: MHS 5005/6401

### *A Change is Coming to the Department*

Over the last few years, the faculty in the department have undergone a review of several of the core and specialty classes. Specifically, we have looked for ways to increase the amount of clinical practice that students are exposed to *prior* Practicum and Internship. As a result, we have restructured MHS 5005 (Processes in Counseling) and MHS 6401 (Theories and Techniques) to be taken as a 2 course sequence over 2 semesters (e.g., Fall 5005-Spring 6401; Spring 5005-Fall 6401; Summer 5005-Fall 6401) as a *Pre-Practicum* sequence just before Beginning Practicum. This will allow for a more in-depth preparation of students to be ready to handle many of the complex client issues that arise in the field experiences.

### **MHS 5005 and 6401 Timeline**

MHS 5005 and 6401 be now be restricted to *admitted, degree-seeking* students.  
The following six (6) courses (18 credits) be made available for *non-degree seeking* students, *and only these courses*:

MHS 6340 Career Development (currently offering on-line)  
MHS 5428 Special Needs Populations (working towards on-line offering)  
MHS 6842 Lifespan Development (currently on-line)  
MHS 6700 Legal and Ethical (possible on-line offering)  
STA 6111 Statistics (available on-line)  
EDF 6481 Education Research (available on-line)

This change will gradually be rolled out over the next few semesters, and will take full effect beginning Fall 2009.

- If prior to Fall 2009, you have taken MHS 5005 and MHS 6401, you will not have to re-take them.
- Likewise, if you have taken one (either 5005 or 6401), but not the other, you will just have to take the other course. We suggest that this be done in Spring or Summer 2009.

- If, by Fall 2009, you have not taken either course, then you will need to plan on taking MHS 5005 and MHS 6401 in sequence.

This will require planning with your Advisor well in advance. Be sure to discuss this when meeting to go over your Program of Study.

*Before Beginning Practicum*

Take MHS 5005 and 6401 in the 2 semesters prior to Beginning Practicum (MHS 6800) in Year 2.

If you plan to start Practicum in the Fall:

- Take MHS 5005 and Apply for Beginning Practicum the Spring before
- Take MHS 6401 the Summer Before
- Begin Practicum in the Fall

If you plan to start Practicum in the Spring:

- Take MHS 5005 the Summer before
- Take MHS 6401 and Apply for Beginning Practicum the Fall Before
- Begin Practicum in the Spring

If you plan to start Practicum in the Summer:

- Take MHS 5005 the Fall before
- Take MHS 6401 and Apply for Beginning Practicum the Spring Before
- Begin Practicum in the Summer