

**Pre-Doctoral Practicum Placement**  
**Marian University Counseling and Consultation Services**  
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Marian University Counseling and Consultation Services is excited to offer **four 22 hours/week practicum** positions for the 2026-2027 academic year. The **practicum placements** are available to doctoral students in their **second, third or fourth** year of training. The practicum weekly experiences include: 10-12 hours of individual therapy, 1-2 hours of intakes, 1-2 hours of individual supervision, 1 hour of group supervision, and 1 hour of case staffing. In addition to individual clients, trainees may co-lead psychotherapy groups, consult with family members or campus faculty and staff, and provide outreach to student groups across campus.

Counseling services are available free of charge to all enrolled Marian students. Clients present with a variety of issues, the most common being anxiety, depression, stress management, relationship problems with family or significant others, grief and loss, eating/body image issues, substance abuse, trauma recovery, and career concerns. Trainees receive experience in both brief and long-term therapy as there are no session limits for students seeking counseling services.

The Counseling and Consultation Services office is open 8-4:30 Monday through Friday. **Trainees are on site 2 1/2 days per week (specific required days are Tues/Thurs 8a-4:30p and Fridays (8a-12p). Trainees must schedule courses at their home institution so that they do not conflict with required onsite days and hours for practicum.** Trainees are required to participate in at least one evening campus outreach event per semester.

**How to Apply:**

Interested students are welcome to submit the following materials no later than **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, to be considered for an interview. **Interviews are scheduled to begin late January and continue until positions are filled.**

**1) A cover letter of interest that addresses the following prompts:**

- a. Describe yourself – share about your background, interests, hobbies etc.
- b. How did you become interested in the field of psychology? What are your career goals?
- c. What interests you in completing a practicum at a university counseling center? Is there something specific about Marian University that appeals to you?
- d. What prior experiences have you had (paid/unpaid or formal/informal) that have helped prepare you for working in the counseling profession?
- e. What are your goals for the practicum placement at Marian University?

**2) A current vita**

**3) Two completed letters of recommendation** (1 from a current faculty member, 1 from a prior practicum supervisor if applicable or second graduate school faculty member). **Recommendation letters must be emailed directly from recommender – format for recommendation is up to the recommender.**

**4) Your graduate transcripts (copy accepted)**

**Please email all documents to:**

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