

PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF CLINICAL PLACEMENT

Consistent with its philosophy that professional education rests upon integration of theory and practice, the MAPC program provides concurrent class and Clinical Placement instruction during the final year of the graduate program. The overall objective of the Clinical Placement is to enable the student to augment and integrate his/her learning through providing a service within a social agency or pastoral counseling setting. Through this experience it is expected that the student will:

- 1) Develop awareness of the relationship between the agency and the social, political, cultural, and spiritual contexts of practice.
- 2) Demonstrate understanding of the role of clinical values and ethics in practice.
- 3) Develop pastoral counseling practice skills including the abilities to be self-aware, to intentionally engage in the professional use of self, to cultivate a pastoral presence, and to apply a holistic perspective in working with client systems.
- 4) Effectively integrate classroom content into the Clinical Placement.
- 5) Develop an understanding of the process through which an agency changes and develops in response to changes in the community it serves.
- 6) Demonstrate responsible interaction with professional counselors, and/or with practitioners from other disciplines.
- 7) Utilize clinical supervision in a manner that enhances professional development.