

**School Counseling & Guidance Track
Practicum & Internship Program**

Permission to Audio/Videotape

Rationale

The School Board of Alachua County (SBAC) collaborates with the University of Florida's Department of Counselor Education (DCE) in the professional training of their school counseling and guidance graduate students by placing them in practicum and internship experiences every year. These are MEd/EdS or PhD graduate students who are in good academic standing according to outlined program requirements.

The DCE at the University of Florida and the SBAC are committed to the professional training and development of our future school counseling and guidance providers. The DCE provides individual and group supervision to each enrolled practicum and internship student. Each school designates a qualified site host from the school counseling and guidance office who oversees and monitors graduate students' work performance.

The DCE's accreditation body (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs) *requires* that students enrolled in practicum and internship experiences provide examples of their work via audio or videotapes, to be confidentially reviewed and evaluated by the assigned supervisors, individually or in group supervision and training settings. All tapes are erased or destroyed upon completion of the practicum or internship experience.

Individual and group supervision occurs between the practicum or internship student and a designated faculty member or professional certified school guidance counselor. The sessions are confidential in nature and the focus is on students' performance and evaluation of counseling skills.

Participation Voluntary

Students who participate can benefit in a number of ways: improved academic skills, personal and social skills, and educational and career planning skills. The individual attention that students who participate receive from an individual and/or small group counseling experience is certainly of benefit to most students. As a parent, however, *you have the right to prohibit your child's participation in audio or videotaped sessions.* Neither you nor your child is required to give a reason for not participating. Students who do participate may revoke permission at any time during the session(s).

If you give consent for your child to be audio or videotaped for the purposes of school counseling and guidance graduate student training, please sign and date below and have your child return this page to the school guidance counselor at their school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call _____ at _____.

You may also return this form via fax to: _____.

Signature: _____

Date: _____