

Four-Year Practicum Overview:

Over the course of four years with The Belonging Co College, degree students will engage in practical, interactive elements of learning known as “practicum” that serves as a supplemental resource to their academic program through Southeastern University. Available practicums include Worship, Pastoral, Digital Media, and Psychology.

The Practicum works in conjunction with the degree programs but is also available to be taken on its own through our two-year Certificate Program. The Certificate Program is available to any student who has completed at least an Associates Degree or higher. Please contact Jess Soccorsi or Rachel Davis if you are interested in learning more or applying for the Certificate Program.

Year One – “Presence Over Presentation” (16 weeks)

Freshman year, students will solely attend the General Practicum Sessions, On-Campus Study Hall, Chapel, Discipleship and weekly serving in the life of the church. Among many church-wide events, one of our biggest Freshman Practicum components is serving at The Belonging Co Conference in September where students will gain experience and get to learn from church leaders from all over the world. In year one, *Presence Over Presentation*, we will focus on laying a deeper foundation in the Word of God, our identity as believers, spiritual growth and authority, and an overall lifestyle of worship. We place Jesus over everything. Coupled with academics, year one lays the groundwork for a life of greater intimacy with the Lord as students also become more equipped in the areas they feel called to serve. Students will be responsible for completing a practicum paper at the end of each semester and will be graded/evaluated on their completion of that paper, attendance and overall participation throughout the semester.

WEEKLY REQUIREMENTS:

Sunday Morning or Tuesday Night

- Serve twice a month at church on a Servant Leader team
- Attend service on weeks you are not serving

Monday

- 9AM-12PM: Study Hall
- 1-2PM: General Practicum Session

Tuesday

- 10-11:30AM: Chapel

- 1-2PM Discipleship Program (Men)

Wednesday

- 1-2PM: Discipleship Program (Women)

Additional

- Serving at church events throughout the year

Year Two – “*Intimacy Over Industry*” (Eight Weeks)

Sophomore year, students will attend the General Practicum Sessions that run all semester long, as well as On-Campus Study Hall, Chapel, Discipleship and weekly serving in the life of the church. Additionally, students will attend Applied Practicum Sessions for eight weeks a semester. This is where students will begin developing skills and gaining knowledge for their specific areas of study, whether that's for vocational ministry or in the workforce. In year two, *Intimacy Over Industry*, we will continue building on the foundations laid in year one, developing more framework and study in the areas of scripture, spiritual growth and authority. The focus behind this year is to place intimacy with Jesus at the forefront of any area or career path.

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- 1-2PM: General Practicum Session
- 11:30AM-12:30PM: Applied Practicum Session (Digital Media)
- 2:15-3:15PM: Applied Practicum Session (Pastoral, Worship)

Tuesday

- 10-11:30AM: Chapel
- 1-2PM Discipleship Program (Men)
- 2-3PM Applied Practicum Session 2 (Digital Media)

Wednesday

- 1-2PM: Discipleship Program (Women)

Additional

- Serving at church events throughout the year

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■ Eight Weeks Intensive Training — Students will undergo eight weeks of intensive, hands-on training per semester that will equip them in various areas of leadership, focused objectives in their field and culminate in an end-of-semester project. *Each student will be responsible for*

presenting their project at the end of each semester and will be graded/evaluated on their project, attendance and overall participation throughout the semester.

Year Three – “*Encounter Over Entertainment*” (Eight Weeks)

Junior year, students will attend the General Practicum Sessions and Practicum Track Sessions along with On-Campus Study Hall, Chapel, Discipleship and weekly serving in the life of the church. In year three, *Encounter Over Entertainment*, students will continue learning from our staff and leaders who are experienced in each practicum area of study. Though we equip and train in a ministry setting, students will also be learning a great deal from individuals in our community who are actively working in various industries outside of the church. In year three, students will continue building on skills and gaining further experience in their areas of study.

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Year Four – “*People Over Position*” (Eight Weeks)

Senior year, students will not be required to attend the General Practicum Sessions or Applied Practicum Sessions. Weekly requirements include On-Campus Study Hall, Chapels, Discipleship and weekly serving in the life of the church. In year four, *People Over Position*, we want students to continue their learning by serving in more integrated roles and keeping the perspective of serving people at the forefront. Students will round out their four-year degree program by working a minimum of 3-5 hours a week in an office setting alongside one of our staff members. This schedule is made on an individual basis between the staff member and student. This will serve as their main practicum experience, and they will have regular check-ins with Jess Soccorsi, Program Director throughout the semester. Additionally, seniors are always welcome to sit in on General Practicum Sessions and/or Applied Practicum Sessions, as long as it does not conflict with their set office hours.

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- Eight Weeks Senior Practicum — Senior Year, students will solely work alongside a staff member at The Belonging Co to shadow, assist, and learn in closer proximity with others who are working in similar areas.
- Students will report to their staff oversight throughout the course of eight weeks, and help them execute specific projects, ongoing tasks and be a general source of support to their leader.
- Seniors will be required to attend Group Study, College Chapel Services and serve on Sunday morning and/or Tuesday evening church services.
- At the end of each semester, students will be required to submit a 600-word paper as their Ministry Project, reflecting on their practicum experience, tasks, and overall areas of responsibility.