

## PSY 484 – Field Work in Psychology

Students may take PSY 484 to fulfill the “culminating experience” requirement for the psychology major. Applications are currently being reviewed for the Summer 2023 term. Please read the following frequently asked questions to determine your eligibility for the class.

### What are the prerequisites?

- Successful completion of PSY 321 (Diversity and Ethics) and PSY 384 (Interviewing Skills) or COUN 433 (Foundations of Counseling)
- Junior standing or 18 hours of completed Psychology coursework
- 2.2 GPA overall; 2.5 GPA in Psychology courses

### What will be required of the internship experience?

- Complete 120 hours across the term
- Be present at the site from the first week through the end of the semester
- You must have a supervisor who will oversee your work, provide evaluations to the course instructor, and sign off on your hours. There is no requirement that your supervisor has any specific credentials or licensure.
- The internship must be completed at a site that significantly relates to psychology.

### How do I find an internship?

- You have several options. Dr. Liz Smith, the course instructor and internship coordinator, can provide you with suggestions for possible placements once you submit your application for the class, based on your interests.
- You may find an internship on your own or by using other resources such as Handshake (<https://www.indstate.edu/career-center/handshake>)

### I have a job; can I use my job as my internship?

- No, you cannot use your job as your internship. You may complete an internship at the same site where you currently or previously worked if the internship involves entirely different duties from your normal job.

### How do I apply for the class?

- Complete the “Application for Field Placement,” which can be found at this link: <https://www.indstate.edu/cas/psychology/bachelor-science-psychology/field-work-psychology>
- Email the application to Dr. Smith at [Liz.Smith@indstate.edu](mailto:Liz.Smith@indstate.edu).
- Dr. Smith will reply to your email with suggestions for potential internship placements. You will contact the sites independently to express interest and apply.
- Once you have secured an internship, obtain a description of your position and complete the “Internship Agreement Form” and email these to Dr. Smith.
- Enroll in the class!

### Is there a deadline?

- YES - You must submit your application to Dr. Smith by **May 1, 2023** and your Internship Agreement Form and position description by **May 12, 2023** in order to be admitted to the class. Inappropriately contacting or pressuring potential site supervisors to secure an internship by the deadline could result in being dropped from the class.