Dear Colleague,

Thank you so much for your willingness to contribute to the professional development of a Walden University Counseling student. We feel very confident in the academic and clinical training we provide for our students, but we know that supervised field training is also critical for these entry-level clinicians.

Walden’s counseling masters’ programs comprise, at a minimum, 90 quarter credit hours, guided by an outstanding faculty of counselors and counselor educators. Students in the program are required to successfully complete coursework as well as two 6-day residencies. In addition, students participate in a practicum and an internship—and an associated course—designed by a field experience coordinator. Finally, a skill development coordinator constantly assesses students’ clinical skills and provides the opportunity for individual and group skills practice, demonstration, and supervision in a clinical skills laboratory. Additional details about Walden, the counseling masters’ programs, and the programs’ field experiences are included on the following website: [http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience/soc](http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/fieldexperience/soc).

At your site, students must be supervised by an appropriately credentialed counselor, social worker, or psychologist. Students are expected to submit videotaped samples of their work with clients throughout the practicum and internship experience to the faculty supervisor for review.

The School of Counseling Office of Field Experience will provide a complete orientation for you about our field experience program, and will work with you to make sure that the field experience at your site meets the requirements for our students and to resolve any concerns that may arise during the field experience.

We are very proud of our students, many of whom have very rich personal and professional experiences that contribute greatly to their abilities as counselors-in-training. We are pleased to partner with you in the development of skilled counselors dedicated to making a difference.

Sincerely,

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