ECU Psychology Field Experience Opportunities

**PSYC 4990 – Field Experience in Psychology: Middle School Tutor**

**Instructor:** Dr. Jeannie Golden

**Description:** Field Experience in Psychology (PSYC 4990) is a specialized course in which students complete hands-on actual work in the field of psychology in order to acquire some practical skills, to reflect on their learning and application of psychological principles in real-life settings, and to read journal articles about research directly related to the practical hands-on field work that they are experiencing.

This semester students in PSYC 4990 tutor and mentor intermediate, middle, and high school students from impoverished, rural communities who have academic difficulties. Many of these students do not have parents who are available to help them and have never thought of going to college prior to the tutoring experience. The ECU students receive training and opportunities to read about, reflect upon, discuss and problem-solve issues that arise throughout their tutoring/mentoring experience.

**PSYC 4990 – Field Experience in Psychology: Read to Feed**

**Instructor:** Dr. Susan McCammon

**Description:** This is a service-learning course in which students meet in class for discussion one hour per week, and tutor elementary school age children for 2 hours per week at Building Hope Community Life Center (an after-school program for at-risk youth). As an incentive for the children to read, sponsors are obtained to donate a financial contribution for pages read by the children, and the children use the money to purchase animals for families in developing countries through Heifer International’s Read to Feed program. Dr. Marsha Ironsmith co-leads the class. Written reflection papers are required.

**PSYC 4990 – Field Experience in Psychology: REAL Crisis**

**Instructor:** Dr. Susan McCammon

**Description:** In this Field Experience section, also a service-learning course, students participate as volunteer crisis counselors at REAL Crisis intervention, Inc., under the joint supervision of field supervisor (Matthew Interrante, MS) and university instructor (Dr. Susan McCammon). Students must apply and be accepted, and complete REAL Crisis training course. Written reflection papers are required.