

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

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The Practicum

At the School of Education and Social Policy, we go beyond classroom learning. Experiential learning is a critical aspect of a SESP education, and students frequently describe the junior year practicum as the highlight of their four years of college. Juniors participate in hands-on internships, research or community service. To complete the practicum requirement, students spend one term at an off-campus internship that's relevant to their interests and are enrolled in SESP 392-0 Experiential Learning: Practicum.

An academic component complements the hands-on practicum experience. Students attend a concurrent seminar where they systematically examine their on-site experiences, reflect on their own performance and career interests. Students earn four academic credits, which are core requirements for graduation. Students receiving financial aid may apply for it to cover the cost of tuition.

Practicum & Global Engagement

The Practicum can also be completed abroad via SESP 392-SA Experiential Learning: Practicum Study Abroad. This course is affiliated through Northwestern University's Global Learning Office and is currently offered in Milan, Italy (<https://gloapp.northwestern.edu/?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10236>), Dublin, Ireland (<https://gloapp.northwestern.edu/?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10255>), and Sydney, Australia (<https://gloapp.northwestern.edu/?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10266>). Students may also meet the practicum requirement via participation in the Global Engagement Studies Institute (GESI). (<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/programs/summer-programs/northwestern-summer-programs/global-engagement-studies-institute/>)