

KIN6088C-3 FA21 - Internship or Practicum in Kinesiology

Course Information



Dates: August 31 - December 19

Credit Hours: 3

Format: Online

PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Appointments: Schedule online

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The internship/practicum experience presents opportunities for students to pursue practical work in their chosen field of study that relates to their professional plans. The department expects the student to have completed coursework and have the necessary experience to carry out the objectives of the internship as well as possess the habits and motivation to be of benefit to the sponsoring agency.

Furthermore, the student must understand that he/she represents Point Loma Nazarene University during the entire internship and therefore should act professionally and ethically at all times.

INTERNSHIP GUIDELINES

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Recommended Hours

- 3 credits = 10-12 hours/week, at least 8 weeks
- 2 credits = 8-10 hours/week, at least 8 weeks
- 1 credit = 4-6 hours/week, at least 8 weeks

There is flexibility in hours per week as long as the total hours are completed. For example, a student may desire to complete internship during the summer or may want to extend the internship past 8 weeks. It is suggested, however, that the internship not be less than four weeks in length and not continue longer than two terms (16 weeks). Be sure to plan in advance and to communicate your internship plan to your advisor.

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILO)

1. **Learning, Informed by our Faith in Christ**

Students will acquire knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world while developing skills and habits of the mind that foster lifelong learning.

2. **Growing, In a Christ-Centered Faith Community**

Students will develop a deeper and more informed understanding of others as they negotiate complex professional, environmental and social contexts.

3. **Serving, In a Context of Christian Faith**

Students will serve locally and/or globally in vocational and social settings.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES (CLO)

An essential component of the Internship/Practicum experience is to give the graduate student direct, relevant experience in her/his discipline. Therefore each internship experience should accomplish at least 3 of the Learning Outcomes of the MS-KIN program (see below). The intern and coordinator should agree on which of the following MS-KIN program learning outcomes will be met by the internship experience. The two will work together to evaluate the extent to which the student met these outcomes as a result of the experience:

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES (PLO)

The Point Loma Nazarene University MS-KIN graduate will be able to:

1. Appraise current research data and integrate it into professional practice to solve relevant problems and make effective decisions.
2. Work independently and with a team to persuasively communicate essential information in their discipline.
3. Demonstrate appropriate breadth of knowledge of the background and principle research in their specialization in order to conduct an independent research project.
4. Serve various populations, integrating compassionate care and the Christian faith with their

professional practice.

5. Pursue an active and growing involvement in their discipline by achieving advanced certification and/or membership in a related professional organization.

REQUIRED TEXT & RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Please communicate with the professional with whom you are interning to determine the recommended readings and resources to complete the experience.

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

The requirements below represent the minimum expectations of the internship experience. The Internship Coordinator may assign additional requirements as deemed necessary and as approved by the student's Academic Advisor. Please see the Modules section for a detailed schedule of assignments.

Grading Points

Course Assignment	Points
Internship Hours	300 pts.
Internship Site Description	5 pts.
Internship Plan	50 pts.
Internship Journal (11 entries @ 5 pts. each)	55 pts.
Written Reflection/Evaluation of Experience	40 pts.
Internship Project	150 pts.
Total Points	600 pts.

Grade Scale (Percentage)

Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentage of Points Earned

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A	B	C	D	F
A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F ≤ 59
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

Grading System

Traditional letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) including plus and minus grades are used to indicate the level of scholarship earned for each course. Except for the correction of an error, all traditional letter grades are final at the conclusion of the academic term. Once the degree has been posted on the student's official transcript, no change of grade action is allowed for courses leading to the degree. The grade of C is the lowest grade acceptable for graduate credit.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

All assignments are to be submitted/turned via Canvas by the end of day (11:59pm PT) on which they are due in order to receive credit. (**note: Based on the student's length of internship, due dates will be adjusted on an individual basis to align with the student's personal internship plan*)

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ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See the [Academic Honesty Policy](https://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=48&navoid=2757#Academic_Honesty) [_\(https://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=48&navoid=2757#Academic_Honesty\)](https://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=48&navoid=2757#Academic_Honesty) in the Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu [_\(https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=EAC@pointloma.edu\)](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=EAC@pointloma.edu) or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all **synchronous** class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions (virtual or face-to-face), the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. In some courses, a portion of the credit hour content will be delivered **asynchronously** and attendance will be determined by submitting the assignments by the posted due dates. See [Academic Policies \(https://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=48&navoid=2757#Class_Attendance\)](https://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=48&navoid=2757#Class_Attendance) in the Graduate and Professional Studies Catalog. If absences exceed these limits but are due to university excused health issues, an exception will be granted.

Asynchronous Attendance/Participation Definition

A day of attendance in asynchronous content is determined as contributing a substantive note, assignment, discussion, or submission by the posted due date. Failure to meet these standards will result in an absence for that day. Instructors will determine how many asynchronous attendance days are required each week.

Students taking online courses are expected to attend each week of the course. Attendance is defined as participating in an academic activity within the online classroom which includes posting in a graded activity in the course. (Note: Logging into the course does not qualify as participation and will not be counted as meeting the attendance requirement.)

Students who do not attend at least once in any 3 consecutive days will be issued an attendance warning. Students who do not attend at least once in any 7 consecutive days will be dropped from the course retroactive to the last date of recorded attendance.

Students who anticipate being absent for an entire week of a course should contact the instructor in advance for approval and make arrangements to complete the required coursework and/or alternative assignments assigned at the discretion of the instructor.

ACADEMIC STANDING

Graduate students at Point Loma must obtain a 3.0 GPA to remain in good standing in the MS Kinesiology program. Additionally, all graduate students need to earn a C or higher in all graduate

courses according to the catalog grading policy found here: [GPS Academic Standing \(http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=26&navoid=1704#Academic_Standing\)](http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=26&navoid=1704#Academic_Standing)

SPIRITUAL CARE

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PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as a whole person. To this end we provide resources for our Graduate and Adult Degree Completion students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. At the Mission Valley (MV) campus we have an onsite chaplain, Rev. Gordon Wong, who is available during class break times across the week. If you have questions for, desire to meet or share a prayer request with Rev. Wong you can contact him directly at mvchaplain@pointloma.edu (<https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=mvchaplain@pointloma.edu>).

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the [map](https://www.pointloma.edu/offices/office-institutional-effectiveness-research/disclosures) (<https://www.pointloma.edu/offices/office-institutional-effectiveness-research/disclosures>) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

In order to be successful in the online environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements](https://help.pointloma.edu/TDClient/1808/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=108349) (<https://help.pointloma.edu/TDClient/1808/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=108349>) information. Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers compatible with their computer available to use.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

