

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Any communication between a student and the Program Chair, Clinical Training Director, and Faculty regarding training issues is not viewed as confidential. However, the welfare and training of the student as well as the needs of the profession, the public, and the university will be taken into consideration when determining how to use any shared information. The student may participate in discussions regarding the dissemination of information.

The supervision experience is generally considered open for discussion between supervisors, practicum instructors, and the Clinical Training Director. Supervisors will be instructed to use their discretion regarding the form and content of what they communicate, and students may request that certain personal information be treated as confidential by supervisors. However, each supervisor must consider whether the disclosure of information may be beneficial to the training of the student, as well as for the good of the public. It is recommended that the student and supervisor discuss these issues prior to the disclosure of sensitive information to the practicum instructors and the Clinical Training Director.

Practica placement evaluations are only available to the Counseling Faculty and are to be treated similarly to course evaluations. Disclosure of information is to be done among the Counseling Faculty, if deemed necessary for evaluation and Classification/Advancement to Practicum purposes, and to protect the university, student, and the public. Any other release of information requires that student's request and consent.

As a function of the selection process, clinical training sites have the right to contact former supervisors at previous placement agencies. It is broadly assumed that the student's listing of these placement agencies on their applications and vitae constitutes a tacit release of information.