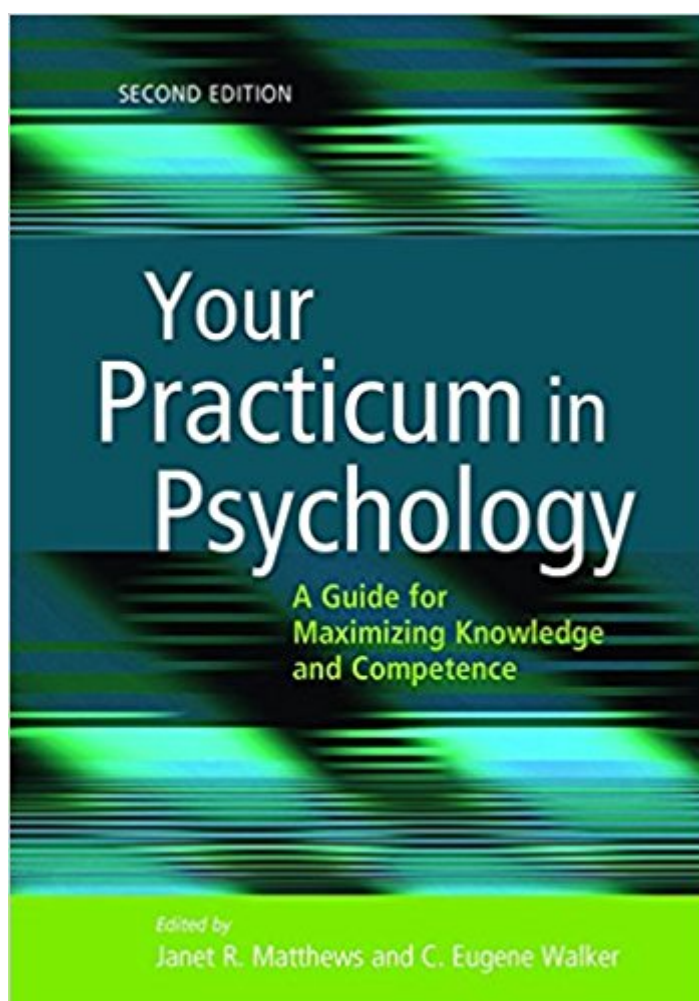


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# Your Practicum In Psychology: A Guide For Maximizing Knowledge And Competence



## Synopsis

Prepares students for field placement in mental health settings by providing a wide range of both practical and theoretical information. In conversational, accessible language, Matthews & Walker equip students with the knowledge needed to anticipate, prevent, and resolve common difficulties that may arise in practicum placement. Readers will find helpful background material such as basic psychopathology, introduction to psychotropic medication, and coverage of ethical issues, as well as illustrations of common situations they may face and guidance about how to behave in settings. Numerous vignettes and case examples help readers to understand basic concepts. This book is essential reading for students who want to best prepare for this fundamental and formative educational experience.

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A psychology student's practicum placement experience has the potential to be the most exciting time in their graduate training. This comprehensive guide to the practicum is a vital guide for all students beginning their field placement, and for those curious about how the system works. In conversational and accessible language, the authors equip students with the knowledge they need to anticipate, prevent, and resolve common difficulties that may arise during practicum placement. Readers will find helpful background information on finding one's feet, developing rapport with clients, confidentiality and ethics, symptoms of psychopathology, assessment, psychopharmacology, and working with children or older adults. This second edition includes new and updated chapters that will appeal all graduate students and advanced undergraduates.

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I'm using this book for my Community Practicum in Mental Health class and so far it is a great help! Its perfect for senior level undergrad students or a first year grad student newly interning in a psych or mental health program. Very easy to understand, not too "textbook-y", but still filled with lots of great information you would need in order to be successful in your internship. I'm so glad this book was suggested by my instructor!

This is a really easy read and packed with information. It reads like a reference guide. It's very helpful for first year practicum students who need an introduction to therapy techniques.

This book really helped me with my internship. It teaches you things you thought you knew but really didn't. I highly recommend it.

This book is for undergraduates, although it states on that it is for graduate students. It's a great

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