

# PRACTICUM EDUCATION Step-by-Step Guide

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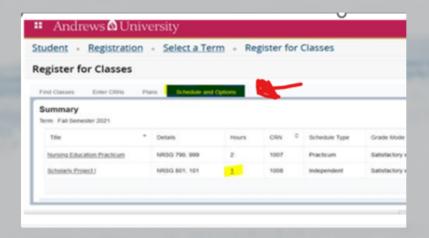
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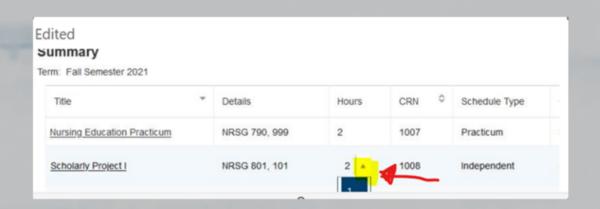
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Course Sequencing Guides

### How to Change the Number of Credits You are Registered For:

- Choose the course. (Enter CRN Number or Course Name)
- Hit submit. (You should now be fully registered for the course)
- Next go to "Schedule and Options" tab at the top of the screen.
- Find your practicum class in class list.
- Click on arrow next to credits to choose the number credits you need for your semester.
- Hit SUBMIT button to make the change.





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Step 3: Complete your Compliance Documents.

The welcome, link, and instructions to login to Exxat/Prism will come to your email inbox. The email will come from this email address v4support@exxat.com. Follow the directions given in the email. If you haven't received it, check your junk folder.

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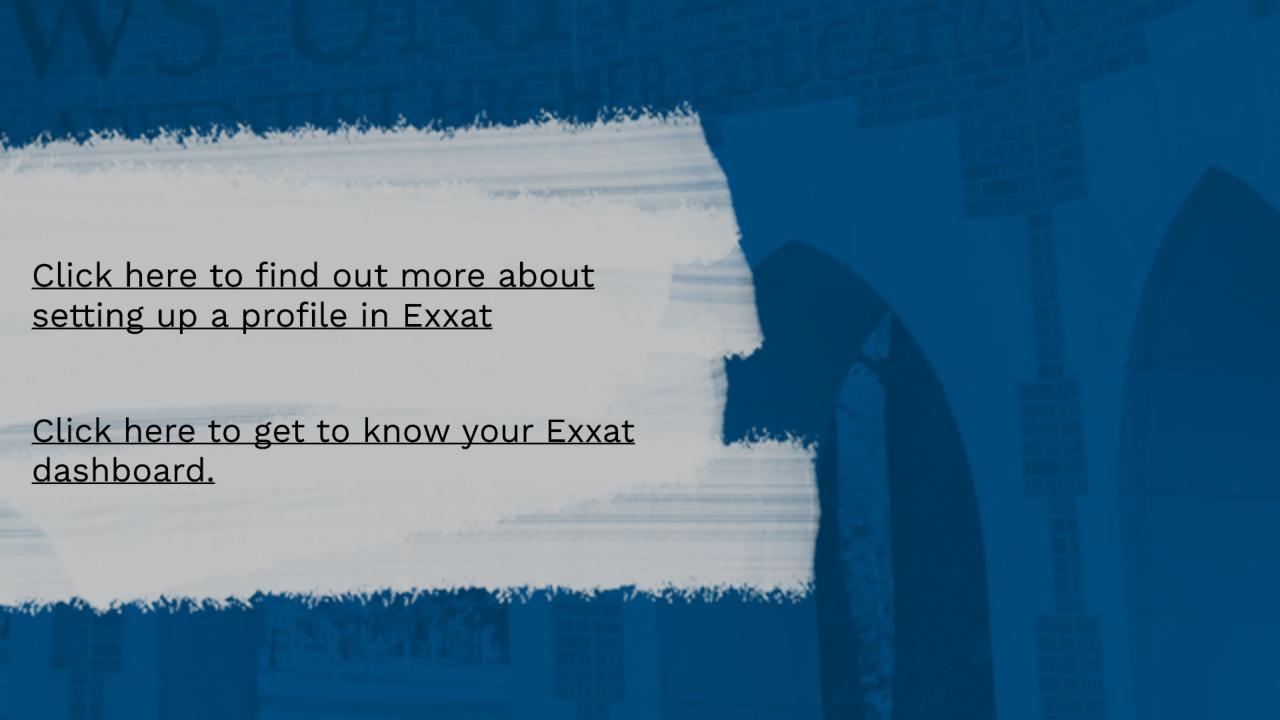
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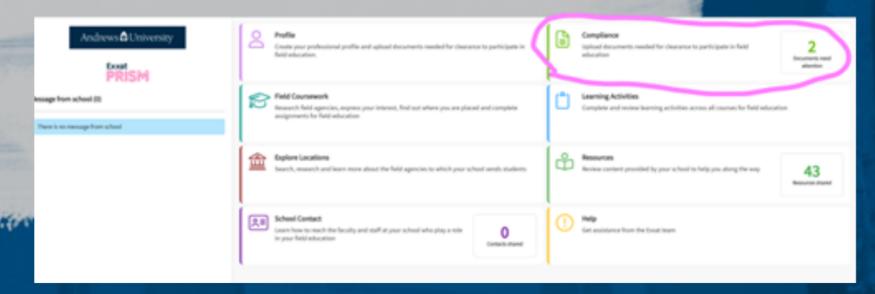
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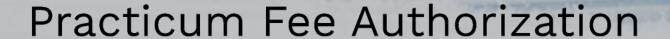
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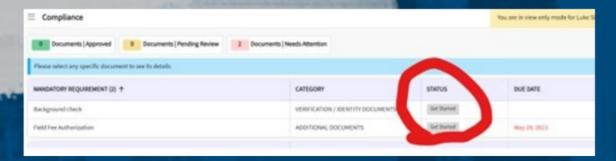
(Explanation: the practicum fee form allows the School of Social Work to charge your student account with the fees associated with your practicum)

Click on "Get Started".

Fill out the "Permission to Charge Your Student" account form, sign it and send it to the

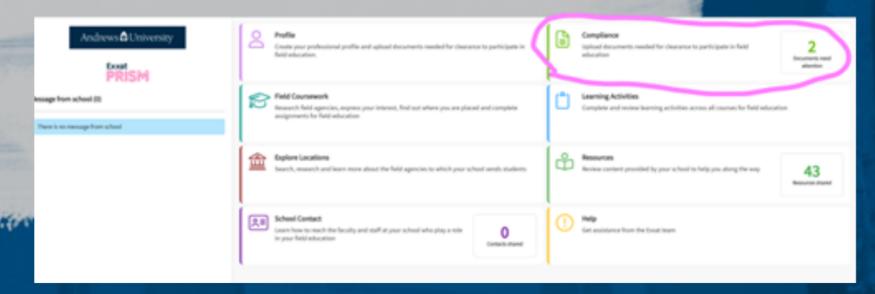
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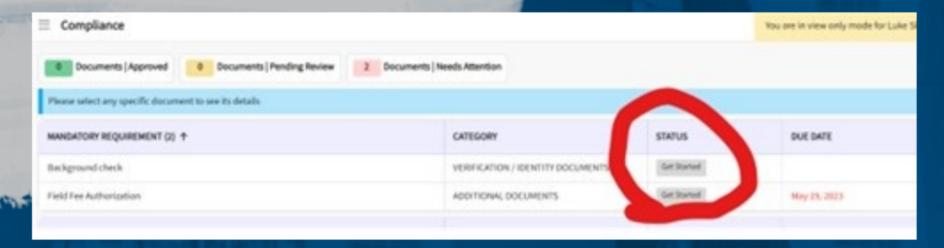


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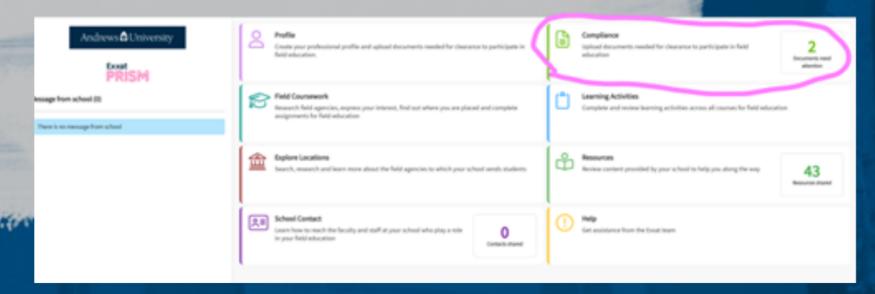
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Click "get started". The background check is completed through Sterling Volunteers. The payment for it is included in the fee authorization form above. You do not pay Sterling Volunteers, so if you are asked to make a payment, please contact your Practicum Director.



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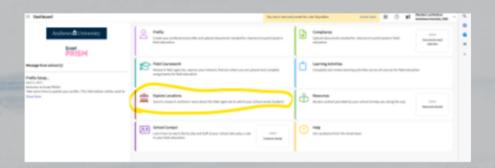
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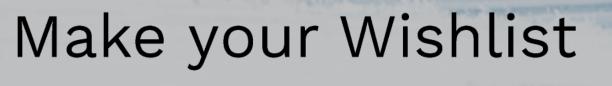


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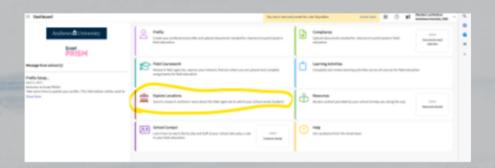


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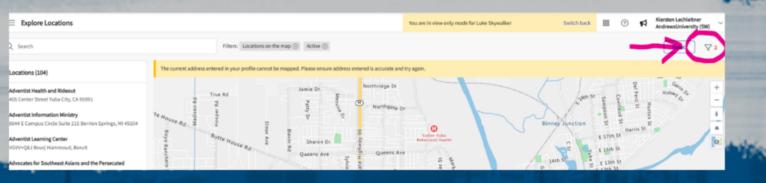


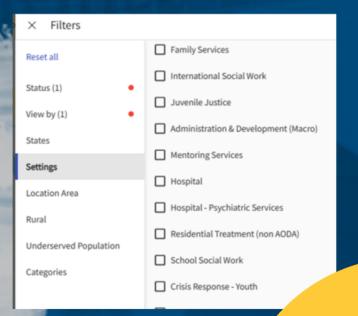
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# Filtering Sites

To the right of your screen, you will find a filter button. Clicking on this will let you filter by various criteria (see below).





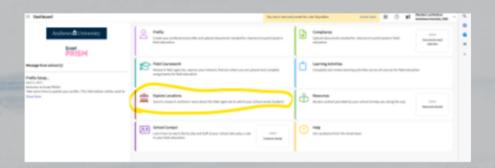
Filtering by "Categories" allows you to know the length of the agency's experience working with the AU School of Social Work.

Emerging Partner = An agency who has just begun accepting interns
 Experience Partner = An agency who has been accepting interns from us for a while.

☐ Established Partner = An agency who has a long history of partnering with us.



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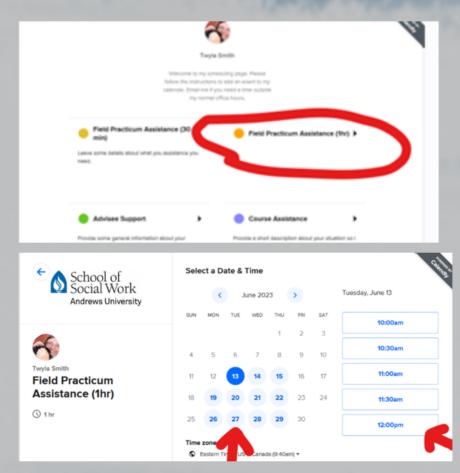
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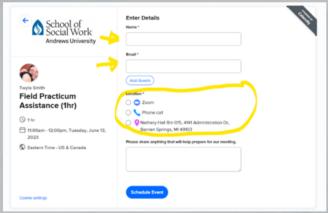
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It is time to meet with Professor Smith to discuss more about your practicum.

- To make an appointment click on her <u>Calendly link</u>.
- For this first meeting choose the 1hour time slot.
- Click on a blue day that works for you to make your appointment. The open appointment times will then pop up, find one that works for you and click it.
- She is happy to meet online or in person. Please indicate which method you would like when you book your appointment.







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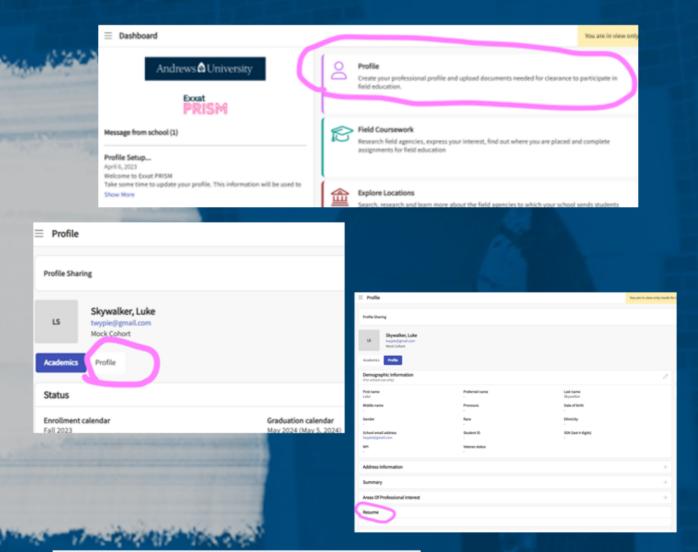
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Supported formats: .pdf,.doc,.docx,.pptv..pptm..potx..potm..ppt,.rtf,.xls,.docm..csv

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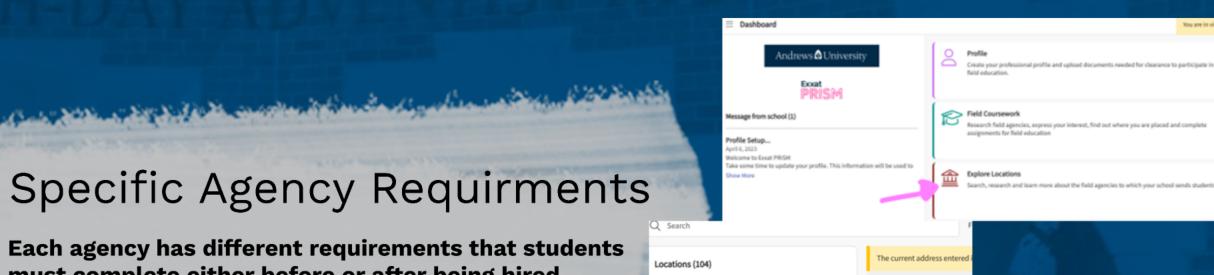
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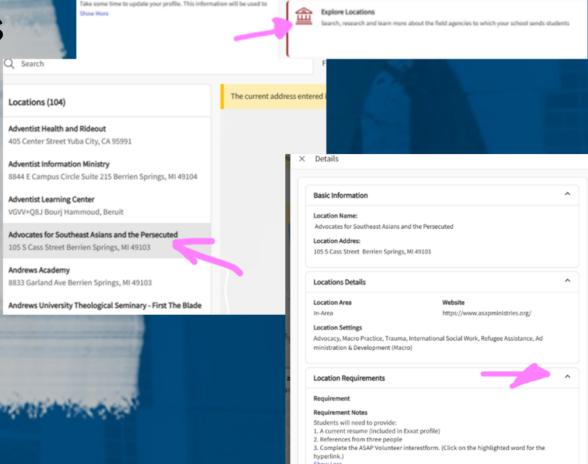
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- To find and complete these requirements click on Explore Locations on your dashboard.
- · Click on the desired agency.
- A slide in window will appear on the right of the screen. Click the drop arrow on the "Location Requirements" tab.
- Complete the requirements.





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Once you have been selected by an agency notify the Practicum Director at twyla@andrews.edu.

Your internship to be finalized the agency must also email confirmation of your hiring to the practicum director. Please share the director's email with them if they do not already have it.



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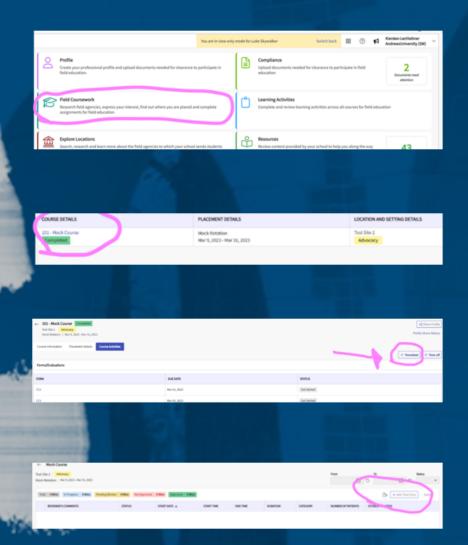
All of your practicum time will be recorded in Exxat. Log your hours daily as they are completed.

- From your dashboard click on Practicum Coursework.
- · Click on your course.
- · Click on "Timesheet".

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- Click on "Add Time Entry".
- · Add your time and submit.

For more detail directions you can watch the Exxat tutorial <u>video</u>



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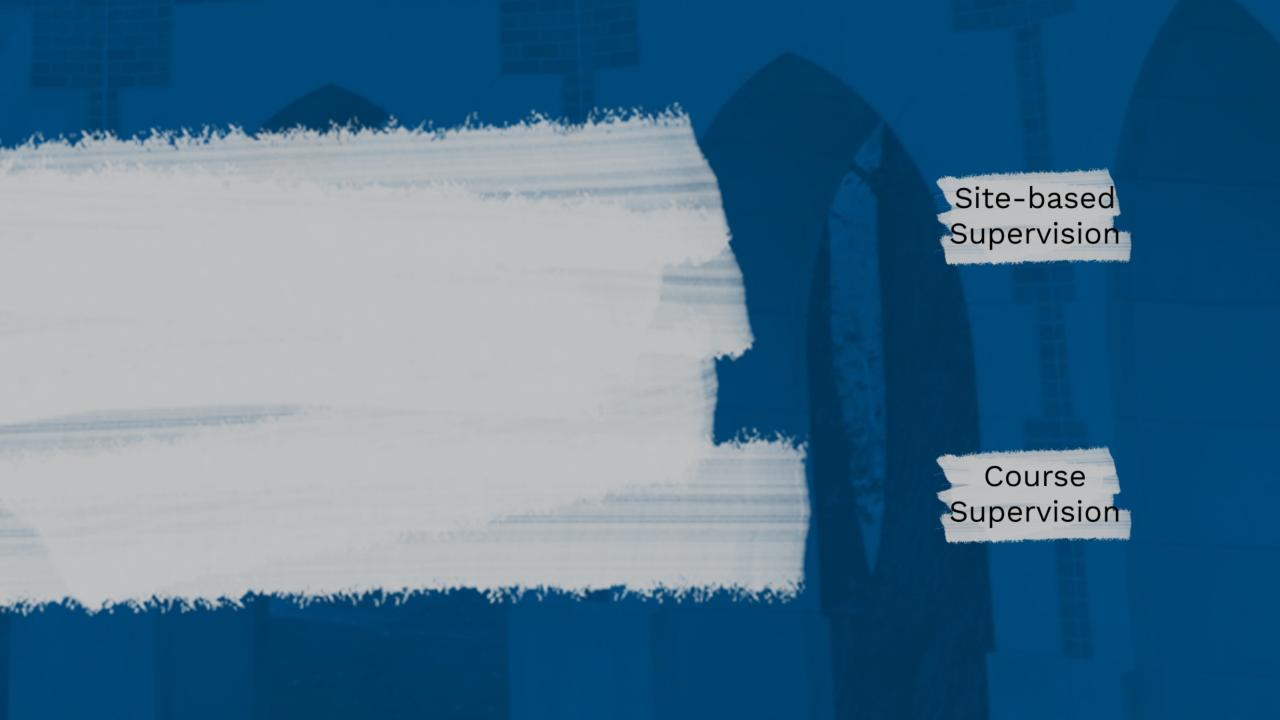
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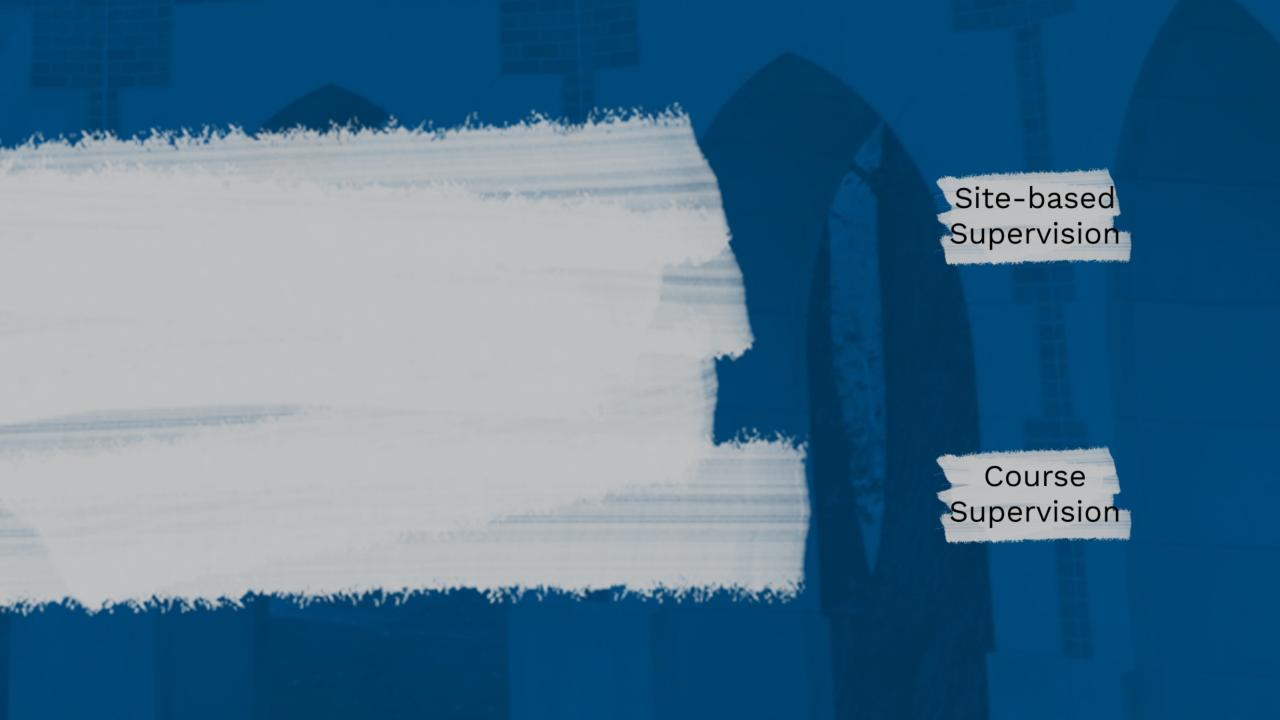
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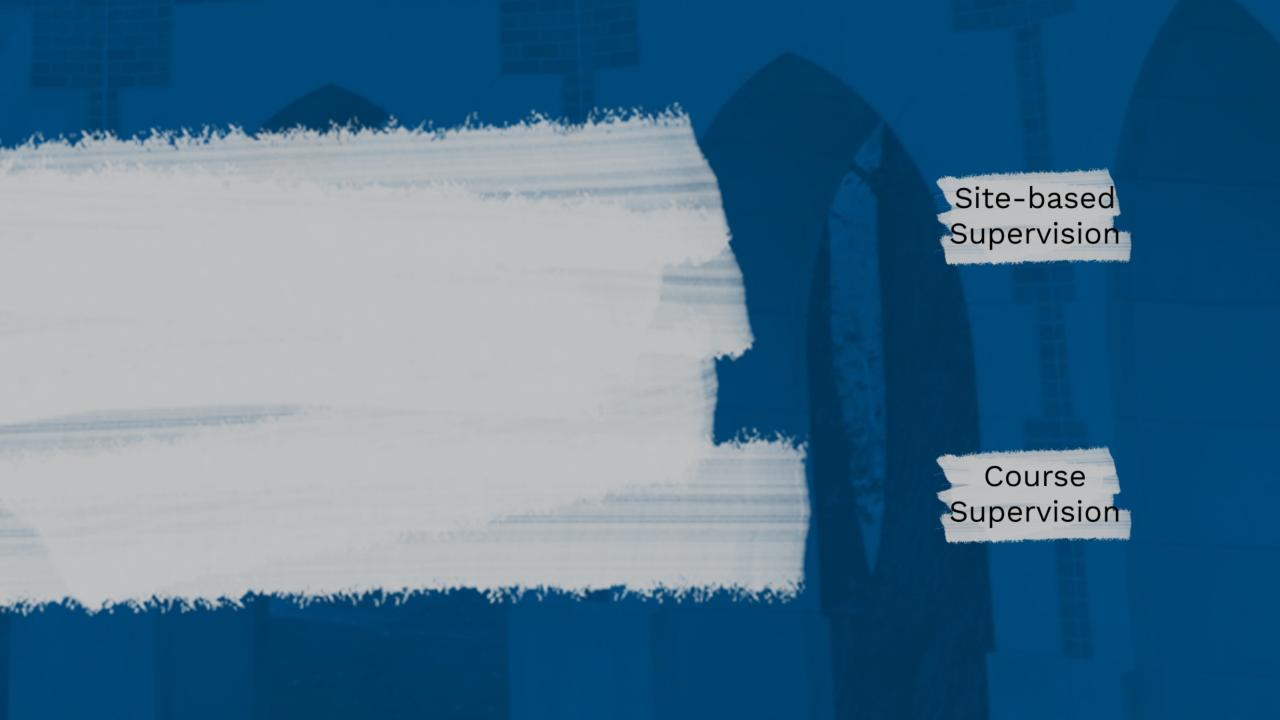
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