Clinical Experience Intern Behavior Contract

In order for UVM student interns to remain eligible for placement in an internship site, they must demonstrate a high level of professionalism. Professionalism includes abiding by all of the standards and ethical expectation of the profession (see American Counseling Association [ACA]) and following all of the policies and accepted practices at the internship site. In line with these ethical/professional standards and site policies and practices, below is a list of examples of professional and unprofessional conduct that exemplify the standards that we expect students to uphold. While these may be intuitive to most students, we believe that it is important to highlight these specific examples in an effort be clear. Please understand that the conduct identified below should not be considered to be an exhaustive list.

Students will:

- Always remember that they are guests at the internship site and behave accordingly.
- Dress professionally and appropriately for the setting.
- Remember that their role is of a counselor, not a peer or friend.
- Always engage in professional relationships with their clients/students and with other professionals at the site—interns will refrain from establishing an on-going personal relationship or a relationship that is not related to the specific counseling work they are doing with clients/students at the site.
- Never be on site under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Refrain from engaging in activities with students/clients or their family members that are against the school/agency rules or state/federal laws (e.g., skateboarding when signs forbid it, parking illegally at the site).
- Refrain from “friending,” “following,” contacting or posting pictures of students/clients or their family members on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, Pinterest, Spotify or any other social networking sites.
- Engage in phone/text communication with clients only in ways that are consistent with the site practice and approved by the site supervisor.
- Not invite students/clients or student/client family members to their home.
- Avoid giving students/clients rides in their own vehicle unless it is part of their professional responsibilities and when it is sanctioned by the site supervisor.
- Only participate in home-visits when it is part of their professional responsibilities and when it is sanctioned by the site supervisor.

I ______________________________________________ have read and agree to follow the Clinical Experience Intern Behavior Contract. (Print name)

Internship Site:_________________________________________ Semester: ____________

Intern Signature_________________________________________ Date:__________________