Guidance for Graduate Practicum at Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory

Graduate students may wish to pursue a practicum experience at the CDL. This may include the applied experience required for degree completion. The course number used for this experience will vary based on the goals for the practicum.

- The CYAF 897A course number should only be used for graduate students interested in the curriculum of early childhood or in developing their teaching skills. Goals for the practicum would be co-developed with CDL faculty and the appropriate number of credit hours to achieve the goals will be determined. CDL faculty will supervise the 897A practicum.
- For students interested in learning more about early childhood research-related activities (e.g., assessment, observation in classrooms, etc.) these can be achieved through using the CYAF doctoral seminar (CYAF 995) or independent research experience (CYAF 898). Goals for the practicum would be co-developed with a faculty mentor (e.g., adviser, committee member) and the appropriate number of credit hours to achieve the goals will be determined. The faculty mentor will coordinate with CDL faculty. The faculty mentor will supervise the practicum.