

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN)

Social Work

☒ Internship

Specialization: Veteran/ MilFam (Military Families)

DMH Agency:	Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN)	
DMH Agency Address:	510 W. Vermont Avenue. Los Angeles, CA 90020	Service Area 4
DMH Agency Liaison:	Brigida (Bridget) Salinas, LCSW	
New or Returning:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	bsalinas@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	(213)369-9068	
Liaison Fax Number:	Telework (Please e-mail documents.)	
Agency ADA accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No N/A: Telework/ Remote Placement If "No" identify:	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	1
Beginning and ending dates:	August 2022-May 2023

Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.

Student Schedule:

Monday	8:30 A.M-7:00 P.M. or 11:00 A.M. -9:30 P.M.
Tuesday	8:30 A.M-7:00 P.M. or 11:00 A.M. -9:30 P.M.
Wednesday	8:30 A.M-7:00 P.M. or 11:00 A.M. -9:30 P.M.
Thursday	8:30 A.M-7:00 P.M. or 11:00 A.M. -9:30 P.M.
Friday	8:30 A.M-7:00 P.M. or 11:00 A.M. -9:30 P.M.
Saturday/Sunday	8:30 A.M-7:00 P.M. or 11:00 A.M. -9:30 P.M.

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	16-20
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	8-10
Expected average consumer caseload:	Warmline (No caseload)
What cultural groups typically received	All (countywide line)

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services at your site?

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Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

As a VPAN MSW intern, MSW intern will learn & provide veteran-related, mental health and other community resources/referrals (including VPAN referral with consultant support), provide veterans/MilFam with emotional support (but refrain from offering medical and/or legal advice) via the warmline, perform newly assigned duties other than those listed above by District Chief and supervisor such as adding/updating military-related resources, etc. Field placement is remote via telework. Documentation consists of a Call Tracker/ Call Log for every VCC telephone call received and County-related documentation. MSW intern will attend daily VPAN briefing and additional trainings/meetings as assigned. Warmline is open 7 days/week (9-9).

Target population and types of services provided: *(please check all that apply)*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychoeducational groups (e.g. Parenting)
<input type="checkbox"/> Groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Families	<input type="checkbox"/> Brief treatment to mid-term treatment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children & Adolescents	<input type="checkbox"/> Long term treatment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crisis Intervention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Older Adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Screening and Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court/Probation referred	<input type="checkbox"/> Psych Testing (For psychology students only)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Veterans/ MilFam (Military Families)

What are the most frequent diagnostic categories of your client population?

Symptoms related to Major Depressive Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Adjustment Disorder, etc.

Please Note: VPAN Warmline is an anonymous line. Identifying info (i.e. dx) is not asked.

What specific (perhaps unique) training opportunities do students have at your agency?

Suicide Prevention, Psychological First Aid, Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence, Max Agent (Call Center Software), COVID-19 Emotional Support Warmline,, CT-R, etc.

What evidence based practices or theoretical orientations will students be exposed to at this site?

Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy (CT-R)

Do students have the opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary team environment that includes those with lived experience?

Yes, the VPAN team consists of veterans/ MilFam (Military Families) with lived experience. The interdisciplinary team consists of LCSWs, LMFTs, clinical psychologists, Disaster Service Workers from other County entities, administrative support staff, etc.

List locations where students will be providing services **other than agency?**

Telework/ Remote Placement

Does your agency allow students to videotape and/or audiotape clients for the purpose of presenting cases in their academic classes? Yes ☐ No ☒

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Supervision:

What types of supervision will be provided for the students and what is the licensure/discipline of the supervisor? Please specify below.

Type	Hours Per Week	On Site Supervisor Degree/Discipline
Individual:	1 (additional if needed)	LCSW/ Social Work
Group:		

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours?

1:16

Does your agency require a particular range of previous experience or specific prerequisite coursework? *If so, please explain.*

Not required but a lived experience such as Veterans/ MilFam (Military Families) is beneficial

Agency Application Process

Mandatory requirements: *Only students from academic institutions who have a current affiliation agreement with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health may be extended a placement opportunity. All students are processed through Human Resources Bureau. All prospective interns must obtain live scan clearance. All interns are required to complete a mandatory HIPAA Compliance and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (for line staff) as part as the terms of their internship.*

DMH Staff completing this form: Brigida Salinas, LCSW Title: PSWII/ VPAN Consultant

Program Head or District Chief: _____ Phone #: (818) 618-7972

☐ Program Manager attests to accepting student placements at this site. Date: _____