

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

Agency/Program Name

Social Work

Internship/ Practicum

Specialization: (Adult Outpatient Services)

Service Area

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DMH Agency:	West Valley Mental Health Center
DMH Agency Address:	20151 Nordhoff St. Chatsworth, CA 91311
DMH Agency Liaison:	Sandra Martinez, LCSW
New or Returning:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returning
Liaison Email Address:	Simartinez@dmh.lacounty.gov
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Agency ADA accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify:

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	4
Beginning and ending dates:	Sept 2024 – May 2025

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 through Friday

Monday	8:00 am – 5 pm, per program needs
Tuesday	8:00 am – 5 pm, per program needs
Wednesday	8:00 am – 5 pm, per program needs
Thursday	8:00 am – 5 pm, per program needs
Friday	8:00 am – 5 pm, per program needs

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	20
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	12
Expected average consumer caseload:	8
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	Latino, African American, Armenian, Iranian, Russian, Caucasian

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

West Valley Mental Health Center (WVMHC) is a directly operated Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health clinic. WVMHC provides a variety of mental health services, which include assessments, establishing diagnoses/exploring differential diagnoses, treatment plan development, individual and group therapy services, case management, crisis intervention/safety assessments, medication support, recreational therapy, occupational rehab, peer support and substance abuse counseling. Services are provided in-person or through telehealth. The FSP program provides field-based mental health services for adults who are experiencing homelessness, frequent psychiatric hospitalizations, and/or involvement with the criminal justice system due to symptoms of a severe mental illness.
Placement is available general outpatient services and Full Service Partnership (FSP).

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief treatment to mid-term treatment
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Screening and Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court/Probation referred	<input type="checkbox"/> Psych Testing (For psychology students only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

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

Mood disorders, Thought Disorders, Adjustment Disorders, Anxiety Disorders, and Co-Occurring Disorders. We also provide services for client connected from Regional Center.

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

Law & Ethics, Cultural Humility, Motivational Interviewing, Crisis Intervention, Suicide Prevention, Grief/Loss, Trauma, Anger Management, Hoarding, and more.

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

CBT, DBT, Seeking Safety, Motivational Interviewing, and more in English, Spanish, and Farsi.

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

Interns will work with a variety of disciplines including psychiatrists, psychologists, MSWs, MFTs, nurses, medical case workers, community workers, COD counselors, occupational and recreational therapists. WVMHC has one of LA county's largest and well-established peer/volunteer programs, including weekly Client Coalition meetings.

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

Outpatient and PEI services are provided in the clinic. FSP services occur at client residences, community agencies, jails, etc.

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	LCSW
Group:	2	LCSW, Psychologist

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

1 hour/week

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

No

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/Field Instructor completing this form:

Sandra Martinez, LCSW

Title: MH Clinical Supervisor

Email: Simartinez@dmh.lacounty.gov

Date: 02/27/2024

Program Manager: Anil Thomas, LCSW

District Chief: Jesus Romero, LCSW

Both Program Manager and Chief agree to students accepted at this site.

Electronic Signature: Sandra Martinez, LCSW

Date: 02/27/2024