

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

Agency/Program Name

Psychology

☐ Internship/ ☒ Practicum

Specialization:

DMH Agency:	Homeless Outreach Mobile Engagement Program is a County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health directly operated mental health provider who provides field-based mental health services to individuals Countywide.	Service Areas 1-8
DMH Agency Address:	Countywide	
DMH Agency Liaison:	Jessica Bruzas, PsyD	
New or Returning:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	Jbruzas@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	(213) 435-0536	
Liaison Fax Number:		
Agency ADA accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify:	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	1-2
Beginning and ending dates:	August-July

Student Schedule: Tuesday through Friday

<i>Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.</i>	
Monday	Mandatory-8am-5pm
Tuesday	Optional-8am-5pm
Wednesday	Mandatory-8am-5pm
Thursday	Optional-8am-5pm
Friday	Optional-8am-5pm

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	24
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	8-10
Expected average consumer caseload:	8-10

What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	The HOME Program provides services to a culturally diverse client population representative of Los Angeles County.
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Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

The Homeless Outreach & Mobile Engagement (HOME) program provides field-based outreach, engagement, support, and treatment to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Services are provided by addressing basic needs; conducting clinical assessments; providing street psychiatry; and providing linkage to appropriate services (including mental health services substance abuse treatment and shelter).

HOME serves individuals 18 and over who are experiencing chronic unsheltered homelessness and who have profound mental health needs and associated impairments. These vulnerable and disengaged individuals struggle with securing appropriate food, clothing, and shelter due to their mental illness. In addition, they may have critical deficits in hygiene and communication and are generally highly avoidant of services. They are unable to live safely in the community and require specialized mental health services to secure and sustain housing.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brief treatment to mid-term treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Children & Adolescents	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

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

Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders, Mood Disorders, Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, Co-Occurring Disorders, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder.

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

Working as part of an interdisciplinary team; training and education on street psychiatry; clinical rounds to establish diagnosis & treatment; carry a caseload of 8-10 clients; receive clinical supervision from a Field Instructor who is an PsyD; collaborate treatment with psychiatrist; consult and coordinate medication support services with team psychiatrists; registered nurses and nurse practitioners; provide case management services; provide mental health services for individuals; learn how to navigate the housing system for Los Angeles County; become familiar with the LPS conservatorship process; participate in the coordination and implementation of psychiatric hospitalizations.

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

Motivational Interviewing, Seeking Safety, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Psychodynamic Therapy.

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

Students will work as part of a multidisciplinary team which includes Community Health Workers, Peer Specialists, and other individuals with lived experience.

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

Communities within the Los Angeles County area.

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

With client consent

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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:	1-2	PsyD, MD, LCSW/LMFT
Group:	1-2	PsyD, MD, LCSW/LMFT

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

3:12

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

N/A

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:

Daniel Mansfield

Title: Program Manager II

Email: Dmansfield@dmh.lacounty.gov

Date: 1/13/25

Program Manager: Daniel Mansfield

District Chief: Aubree Lovelace

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

Electronic Signature: Staci Atkins

Date: 1/13/25