

**County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health
Student Professional Development Program**

Rio Hondo Mental Health

Marriage Family Therapy

Internship/ Practicum

Specialization: Adults

The adult Full-Service Partnership program provides individual therapy, case management, individual rehabilitation/skill building, linkage to housing/employment/legal aid, and medication support to individuals meeting the criteria for specialty mental health.

DMH Agency:	Rio Hondo Mental Health	
DMH Agency Address:	17707 Studebaker Road Cerritos, CA. 90703	Service Area #7
DMH Agency Liaison:	Armando Hernandez-Paz	
New or Returning:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	AHernandezPaz@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	(213) 332-0292	
Liaison Fax Number:	(562) 809-0185	
Agency ADA accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify:	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	2
Beginning and ending dates:	August 2025 – June 2026

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	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday	
Wednesday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday	
Friday	8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	16-20
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	10-15
Expected average consumer caseload:	10-15
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	Homeless, severely mentally ill, dual diagnosis.

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

The Rio Hondo Mental Health Center is an adult outpatient mental health program that provides PEI, FSP, CalWORKS, and OCS level of care. Services include individual, group therapy, medication management, case management, substance abuse counseling, employment, housing assistance, legal aid, and more. The adult Full-Service Partnership program is a field-based program that helps clients considered to be underserved or unserved, to receive specialty mental health service. The program provides these services as a team. Clients meet with staff two times a week, or more, depending on the level of need. FSP focuses on crisis intervention, stabilization and transitioning clients to a lower level of care within a 1-2 year timeframe.

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 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?

Bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder, major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders

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

EBP trainings, triage, field safety, and assessment.

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

Seeking Safety, DBT, CBT, CORS, TF-CBT

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

Yes, community health workers.

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

Field visits such as homes, board and cares, shelters, SSA, DMV, DPSS, 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	Armando Hernandez-Paz, LMFT
Group:		

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

1:10

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

Our agency prefers a 2nd year student

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:

Armando Hernandez-Paz

Title: MH Clinical Supervisor

Email: AHernandezPaz@dmh.lacounty.gov

Date: 03/05/2025

Program Manager: Javier Serna

District Chief: Manuel Rosas

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

Electronic Signature:



Date: 03/06/2025