

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

(GENESIS) Older Adult Program

What discipline? (Social Work and Marriage and Family Therapy)

Internship/ Practicum

Specialization: (Older Adults with severe mental illness and medically fragile)

DMH Agency:	Geriatric Evaluation Networks Encompassing Support Interventions and Support (GENESIS) Older Adult Program	
DMH Agency Address:	510 S. Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90005	Service Area 1 - 8
DMH Agency Liaison:	Blessing Nwajuaku	
New or Returning:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	GENESIS@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	(213) 351-7284	
Liaison Fax Number:	(213) 947-4579	
Agency ADA accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No" identify: this is a countywide field based program. Unable to ensure that all locations will be ADA accessible (i.e. homes, apartments, etc.)	

Student Requirements:

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

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	Interns schedule will be based on school requirements. Hours of Operation: 7am – 5:30pm
Tuesday	Interns schedule will be based on school requirements. Hours of Operation: 7am – 5:30pm
Wednesday	Interns schedule will be based on school requirements. Hours of Operation: 7am – 5:30pm
Thursday	Interns schedule will be based on school requirements. Hours of Operation: 7am – 5:30pm

Friday	Interns schedule will be based on school requirements. Hours of Operation: 7am – 5:30pm
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Total hours expected to be worked per week:	Based on school weekly requirements. Hours of Operation: 7:00am – 5:30pm
Expected average consumer caseload:	Number of direct client hours per week anticipated: Based on school requirements; up to 20 hours per week
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	Older Adults (60 +)
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Description of Site: *(Please describe the type of Agency setting and services offered)*

Geriatric Evaluation Networks Encompassing Services Interventions Support (GENESIS) Older Adult Program is a 100% field-based program that provides mental health services to homebound and medically fragile clients 60 and above with mental illness. Services are provided throughout LA County in the client's home environment (i.e. home, apartment, senior home, etc.). Joint initial intake appointments are provided with an RN and clinician. Services provided include clinical assessments and medical evaluations, ongoing therapy, group therapy, ongoing medical check-ups, medication support, crises response, case management, substance abuse treatment, and community outreach.

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychoeducational groups (e.g. Parenting)
<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultation/Liaison	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):

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

Major Depressive Disorder; Mood Disorder NOS; Adjustment Disorder; Bipolar Disorder; Generalized Anxiety Disorder

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

Providing field-based mental health services to older adult population. Services are tailored to the mental health and medical needs of this unique population. There is also opportunity for working with clients in the early stages of dementia and hoarding along with severe mental illness.

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

CBT, DBT, Harm Reduction, Psychoanalytic Theory, Erikson's Stages of Development, Seeking

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

Yes, GENESIS staff consist of Psychiatric Social Workers, Mental Health Clinicians, Medical Case Workers, Community Health Worker, Substance Abuse Counselors, RNs, Nurse Practitioners, and Mental Health Psychiatrists

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

GENESIS is a countywide field-based program. However, the primary service area assignments may include SA 3, 7, and 8.

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:	Optional	LCSW

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

1: 4-6 clients

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

Interns that are comfortable with field-based services with the older adult population. Field visits include senior homes, apartments, homes, shared living facilities, board and care throughout Los Angeles County. Preferable 2nd or 3rd year students.

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:

Blessing Nwajuaku

Title: Program Manager I

Email: GENESIS@dmh.lacounty.gov

Date: 3-6-25

Program Manager: Blessing Nwajuaku

District Chief: Carol Sagusti

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

Electronic Signature: Blessing Nwajuaku **Date:** 3/3/2025