

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

Rio Hondo Mental Health

Social Work

☒ Internship/ ☐ Practicum
Specialization: Adults

DMH Agency:	Rio Hondo Mental Health	
DMH Agency Address:	17707 Studebaker Road Cerritos, CA 90703	Service Area 7
DMH Agency Liaison:	Javier Serna	
New or Returning:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	jserna@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	213-280-9964	
Liaison Fax Number:	562-381-9761	
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-May 2026

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: Tuesday through Friday

Monday	8:30am-5:00pm
Tuesday	8:30am-5:00pm
Wednesday	8:30am-5:00pm
Thursday	8:30am-5:00pm
Friday	8:30am-5:00pm

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	16 hours
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	10 hours
Expected average consumer caseload:	10 clients

What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	All cultural groups within Service Area 7.
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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 peer support.

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 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, 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, TF-CBT

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

Yes, community health workers and WOW 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	Javier Serna, LCSW
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.*

Rio Hondo MHC would recommend placement for a second year MSW 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:

Javier Serna

Title: MH Program Manager II

Email: jserna@dmh.lacounty.gov

Date: 4/4/2025

Program Manager: Javier Serna

District Chief: Manuel Rosas

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

Electronic Signature:



Date: 04/04/2025