

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

Rio Hondo Mental Health Center

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 -May

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)*

Rio Hondo Mental Health Center is an adult outpatient mental health program that provides FSP, CalWORKS, and Outpatient Care Services to the Service Area 7 consumer population. Services include individual therapy, 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

Program Manager: Javier Serna

District Chief: Manuel Rosas

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

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