

County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program

Veteran and Military Family Services

Social Work

☒ Internship

Specialization: Individual therapy, case management, medication support

Target population: military veterans and military family

DMH Agency:	Veteran and Military Family Services	
DMH Agency Address:	1816 S Figueroa St, 6 th Floor, Los Angeles, CA, 90015	Service Area countywide
DMH Agency Liaison:	Johnny Morataya	
New or Returning:	☒ New	
Liaison Email Address:	jmorataya@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	213-793-3451	
Liaison Fax Number:		
Agency ADA accessible	☒ Yes ☐ No	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	2
Beginning and ending dates:	9/2026 - 06/2027

Student Schedule: Tuesday through Friday

Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.

Monday	
Tuesday	8am-4pm
Wednesday	8am-4pm
Thursday	8am-4pm
Friday	

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	20, depending on requirement from school
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	5-10
Expected average consumer caseload:	5
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	The agency provides services to clients from various backgrounds, and who have a

	history of serving in the military, or are family members of military veterans
Student Professional Development Program	

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

The Veteran and Military Family Services provides field based mental health services to military veterans and their families. The services included case management services, with linkage to housing, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and other local veteran related organizations. The agency also provides individual therapy, and medication support services, to clients, and seeks to address and resolve barriers (e.g., access to care, financial) to mental health services to all clients served. Additionally, the agency provides field outreach services to find veterans who are referred by family, and to engage in

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

☒ Individuals	☐ Psychoeducational groups (e.g. Parenting)
☐ Groups	☒ Community Outreach
☒ Families	☒ Brief treatment to mid-term treatment
☐ Children & Adolescents	☒ Long term treatment
☒ Adults	☒ Crisis Intervention
☒ Older Adults	☒ Screening and Assessment
☐ Court/Probation referred	☐ Psych Testing (For psychology students only)
☐ Consultation/Liaison	☐ Other (specify):

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

Depression, Anxiety

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

The students may be trained in adhering to our agency's suicide protocol, for clients who are identified as being high risk, as well as housing linkage services for clients who are unhoused.
--

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

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

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

Yes

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

Behavioral Health Center (Los Angeles)
--

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

--

Student Professional Development Program

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	MSW/LCSW
Group:	2	MSW/LCSW

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

1:5

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

No

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:

Johnny Morataya _____ Title: MH Clinical Supervisor

Email: jmorataya@dmh.lacounty.gov _____ Date: 9/10/26

Program Manager: Katherine Guerra

District Chief: Dr. Rhonda Higgins

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

Electronic Signature: *Johnny Morataya* _____ Date: 9/10/26