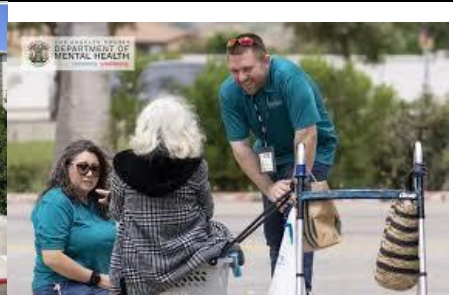
County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program



Psychology

☒ Internship/☐ Practicum

Specialization: (List services or populations)

DMH Agency:	**Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (C.A.R.E) Court**	
DMH Agency Address:	County Wide	**Service Area 1-8**
DMH Agency Liaison:	Dr. Church-Williams, PsyD	
New or Returning:	☒ New ☐ Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	schurch@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	213-305-4189	
Liaison Fax Number:		
Agency ADA accessible	☒ Yes ☐ No If "No" identify:	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	8
Beginning and ending dates:	September-July

Student Schedule: We operate Monday through Friday, but we work around your school schedule

Please indicate days and times students should be available to provide services, including mandatory staff meetings (SM), training seminars (TR), supervision (SUP), etc.	
Monday	08:00-4:30 PM
Tuesday	08:00-4:30 PM
Wednesday	08:00-4:30 PM
Thursday	08:00-4:30 PM
Friday	08:00-4:30 PM

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	16-20
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	10
Expected average consumer caseload:	10-15
What cultural groups typically receive services at	Adults-Latino/Latina, Caucasian, Asian,

your site?	African American (Spanish Services)

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

CARE court is a field-based program serving clients who have been petitioned in court to receive mental health treatment. The program is voluntary for clients who are 18 years or older, diagnosed with Schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders or Bipolar I with Psychotic features, currently experiencing symptoms and behaviors from severe mental illness, and are not stabilized in on-going voluntary treatment elsewhere. We provide medication support, individual therapy, skill building, substance use treatment, and case management services as part of a multi-disciplinary team. Clients typically have multiple problem areas including homelessness, poverty, trauma, and substance use. Candidates may look forward to being part of a multidisciplinary team providing services in the community. Candidates will have the opportunity to learn about outreaching to clients who are difficult to engage, providing intensive wrap around services, conducting intake assessments, diagnosing mental conditions, completing court reports, and testifying in a civil court proceeding.

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?

We serve clients with Schizophrenia Spectrum and other Psychotic Disorders and Bipolar I, with Psychotic Features.

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

Court reports, testifying, evaluations for court, field outreach, working with a multidisciplinary team, crisis evaluations

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

Brief therapy, narrative therapy, CBT, DBT, family systems, seeking safety

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

Yes, this program supports community workers on-staff including advocates and peer supports with lived experience and first-hand knowledge of the mental health system, treatment, and legal system.

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

Services will be provided at the home, in the community, and at court.

Does your agency allow students to videotape and/or audiotape clients for the purpose of presenting cases in their academic classes? Yes ☒ If client consents 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	PsyD/PhD/LMFT/LCSW
Group:	1	PsyD/PhD/LMFT/LCSW/MD/RN

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours? 10 contact hours to 1.5 hours

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

Some experience with coursework in Abnormal Psychology, Multicultural treatment, forensic mental health treatment, and clinical diagnostics.

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:

Dr. Church-Williams, PsyD **Title**: Program Manager I

Email: schurch@dmh.lacounty.gov

Program Manager: Dr. Church-Williams, PsyD

District Chief: Linda Boyd, RN, District Chief

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

Electronic Signature: Dr. Sarah Church-Williams, PsyD