County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program



Northeast Mental Health Center

Community Psychology Track

☒Practicum
☒Internship

DMH Agency:	**Northeast Mental Health Center (Community Psychology Track)**	
DMH Agency Address:	3303 N. Broadway	**Service Area** **4**
DMH Agency Liaison:	Alvaro Campos, PhD	
New or Returning:	☐ New ☒ Returning	
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Agency ADA accessible	☒ Yes ☐ No If "No" identify:	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	**3**
Beginning and ending dates:	Sept to July

Student 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	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	8:00 – 5:30 PM (8-9 hrs.)
Thursday	8:00 – 5:30 PM (2-4 hrs.)
Friday	8:00 – 5:30 PM (8-9 hrs.)

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	20
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	10
Expected average consumer caseload:	20-30 (across practicum)
What cultural groups typically receive services at your site?	Adults only-Latine (Spanish speaking also), Caucasian, Asian, African-American.

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

Northeast Mental Health Center is an adult outpatient mental health center serving individuals who present with severe, persistent mental illness. Services include medication support, individual and group psychotherapy, rehabilitation, and targeted case management services. Clients typically present multiple problem areas including poverty, homelessness, substance use disorders, trauma history, need for ongoing support. In this advanced practicum, students will obtain individual psychotherapy experience, intake assessment and diagnosing experience, and participate in multi-disciplinary team consultations. Candidates will train and gain practice experience in Psychological Assessment including cognitive testing, personality testing, and some Neurocognitive testing including attention-deficit assessment.

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?

Major Depression, Anxiety Disorders, Bipolar and Psychotic Disorders

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

Exposure to brief and mid-term interventions, Psychological testing (Cognitive, Neurocognitive and Personality Assessment).

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

CBT, CORS, DBT, elements of Prolonged Exposure.

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

Yes, the Program supports interdisciplinary practice along with community workers, peer advocates, Nursing staff, Psychiatrists and Nurse practitioners. Our Wellness staff present first-hand experience and knowledge of the mental health system and treatment.

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

All services will be provided on-site. Parking is provided.

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

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:	1-2	Alvaro Campos, PhD., Psychologist
Group:	2-3	Alvaro Campos, PhD.. Psychologist

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours? 1hr. sup for every 4 hrs.

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

Due to testing demands, we are now an "advanced" practicum site. Previous clinical practice experience is a pre-requisite. Previous Cognitve/Personality Testing experience is strongly recommended. Foundational testing knowledge is a pre-requisite.

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 completing this form: Alvaro Campos, PhD. **Title:** Sup. Psychologist

Program Head or District Chief: Nancy Sauceda, LCSW **Phone #:** 323-478-8200