`County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Student Professional Development Program



Community Reintegration Program – FACT – SA4

Psychology

☐Internship/X Practicum

Specialization: (List services or populations)

DMH Agency:	**Community Reintegration Program – FACT – SA4**	
DMH Agency Address:	947 Cole Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038	**Service Area #4**
DMH Agency Liaison:	Erika Medina, PsyD	
New or Returning:	☐ New X Returning	
Liaison Email Address:	EiMedina@dmh.lacounty.gov	
Liaison Phone Number:	(323) 871-4607	
Liaison Fax Number:		
Agency ADA accessible	X Yes ☐ No If "No" identify:	

Student Requirements:

How many positions will you have?	1-2
Beginning and ending dates:	September– July

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	Mandatory
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Mandatory
Thursday	
Friday	Mandatory

Total hours expected to be worked per week:	16-20
Number of direct client hours per week anticipated:	60% of scheduled time; approximately 9.6–12 hours per week, including interviews, test administration, feedback, and group facilitation

Expected average consumer caseload:	Varies based on client needs, service intensity, and student training level
What cultural groups typically received services at your site?	Adults from diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, linguistic, socioeconomic, and gender backgrounds

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

CRP–4 is a Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health program providing clinic- and field-based services to justice-involved adults with serious mental illness and complex psychosocial needs. The multidisciplinary team supports psychiatric stability, recovery, and community reintegration through mental health treatment, psychiatric services, case management, and coordination with community resources. Psychological assessment is the primary focus of the practicum. Students use assessment findings to clarify diagnostic questions and inform individualized treatment recommendations, and also facilitate a clinical group.

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

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

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

Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders, bipolar disorders, substance-induced psychotic disorders, intellectual disability, and other severe and persistent mental illnesses. Clients may also present with co-occurring substance use disorders and complex differential diagnostic questions.

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

Students develop skills in clinical interviewing, test selection, administration and scoring, interpretation, integrated report writing, and feedback. Training emphasizes integrating cognitive, academic, memory, executive functioning, personality, behavioral, and performance validity findings with clinical history and behavioral observations. Instruments may include the WAIS, WIAT, Woodcock-Johnson, RBANS, D-KEFS, MMPI, MoCA, Leiter, TOMM, Dot Counting Test, WMS, and ADOS, as appropriate to the referral question and student competence. Students also facilitate a clinical group and participate in multidisciplinary consultation.

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

Students receive exposure to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Seeking Safety, and the Skills System. Supervision emphasizes adapting interventions to clients' psychiatric symptoms, cognitive abilities, cultural backgrounds, and treatment needs.

Students apply these approaches through group facilitation and assessment-informed recommendations.

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

Yes. Students work with a multidisciplinary team that includes staff with lived experience. Team disciplines include psychology, social work, psychiatry, nursing, case management, community health, and substance use treatment.

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

Students provide services at the Cole Avenue clinic and in community settings. Specific field assignments are coordinated through supervision and follow program safety procedures.

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

Yes, with appropriate written client consent and releases, and in accordance with agency

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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	Erika Medina, PsyD Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Group:	2	Erika Medina, PsyD Licensed Clinical Psychologist

What is the minimum ratio of supervision to client contact hours? 1:4

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

Applicants must have completed graduate-level coursework in psychological assessment before beginning the placement. Students' assessment experience and developing competencies will guide testing assignments and supervision.

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:

Erika Medina, PsyD **Title**: Supervising Psychologist

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Program Manager: Staci Atkins, PsyD

District Chief: Rhonda Higgins, PsyD

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

