Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services

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CLIENT POPULATION SERVED: all ages – Waukesha County residents

WHAT DAYS/HOURS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENT INTERNS TO WORK?
PLEASE INCLUDE WEEKEND AND EVENING AVAILABILITY:
   M – F   8:00 – 4:30 (Occasional evenings)

IS THERE A CREDENTIALED, ON-SITE SUPERVISOR AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR – IN TRAINING (SAC-IT) STUDENTS?   YES ☒   NO ☐

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT INTERNS PLACEMENT:
Pre-placement Interview and Acceptance
Competitive interview. Minimum Master Level student. Some social/clinical services experience preferred

INTERNSHIP JOB DESCRIPTION/EXPECTATIONS:
10 – 20 hours a week doing rotations through entire clinical services division

WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.waukeshacounty.gov

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Student Placement Program Description
Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services
Clinical Services Division
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services

The Waukesha County Clinical Services Division is one component of the Department of Health and Human Services. Along with the other Department divisions, Clinical Services shares a philosophical commitment to the dignity of the individual and the belief that individuals and their families can, with assistance, positively respond to the challenges that life’s problems and crises present. The Clinical Services Division provides confidential, comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services to Waukesha County residents of all ages. For further information about Clinical Services Division programs and services, please refer to the DHHS homepage at www.WaukeshaCounty.gov.

The Clinical Services Division accepts a limited number of field placement students who are actively pursuing their Master’s Degree in mental health and/or substance abuse clinical fields. Typically, these placements are for a full academic year. The Division offers clinical concentrations in child and adolescent mental health, adult mental health, and adolescent/adult substance abuse, although students can expect to be involved in many clinical areas during the field placement. Whatever clinical area might be their primary concentration, the student will be exposed to a variety of program areas such as outpatient and inpatient mental health and substance abuse services, crisis intervention, clinical case management, community support and comprehensive community services, alcohol court and drug courts, and civil court proceedings for mental health and substance abuse issues falling under Chapter 51 Wisconsin Statutes. Under the supervision of licensed or certified professionals, students can expect to gain experience with clinical intake assessments for both mental health and substance abuse services, individual and group therapy, multidisciplinary case collaboration, and crisis intervention. Students will also find opportunities to work collaboratively with other DHHS Divisions and community based provider organizations.

Prior to placement, students are required to present evidence of having completed an introductory training in Blood borne pathogens and universal precautions as required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") and on the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") Privacy Rule requirements.

Mental Health Center-Inpatient Services Placement

Students assigned to the inpatient unit of the Mental Health Center must present evidence of meeting the health requirement established for WCDHHS inpatient service providers: Rubella Titer, Hepatitis B Titer, TB Skin Test, and Physical with Drug Screen.