

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site: Burrell Behavioral Health Autism Center

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

Burrell Autism Center provides multidisciplinary diagnostic evaluations for children ages 1 - 8 who are suspected to be on the Autistic Spectrum. We provide treatment for children with ASD. Treatment services include Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Skills Training, Independent Living Skills, and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services – known collectively as **ABA and Related Services**. These Services include individual sessions and group sessions. All programs are supervised by licensed professional counselor and all behavior plans are developed and trained by a board certified behavior analyst and provisional behavior analyst.

The Behavior Day Treatment (BDT) Program is a group ABA Program for 3 – 5 year olds. Programming is based upon the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, which is the leading evidence based treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder. The daily routine consists of individual teaching time and natural environment teaching. The BDT Program provides services to 8 children.

The Early Start Day Treatment (ESDT) Program is a 1:1 ABA/ESDM Treatment program for children ages 18 months to 4 years. Programming is based on the principles of ABA and utilizes the Early Start Denver Model curriculum. The program serves up to 6 children.

We accept 2-3 practicum students each semester to participate in these programs. Supervision for degree requirements will be discussed during the interview process.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

Practicum students in the programs will work alongside professional staff in the program for which they are selected. They will receive training to implement ABA strategies in the clinic setting. Students will work on enhancing social skills and communication in the program setting. Students may also be requested to complete some daily responsibilities such as room set up, snack and craft preparation. Other opportunities in Individual ABA, Parent Training, Social Skills, and Independent Living Skills may also be available.

Type of population with which students would be working (e.g., adults, adolescents, children, physically challenged, cognitively challenged, etc.):

Early Start Day Treatment: 1.5-4 year-olds with Autism or other diagnoses

Group (BDT) Program: 3 – 5 year-olds with Autism

Individual ABA: 1-8 year-olds with Autism

Social Skills: 5-11 year-olds with Autism

Independent Living Skills: adolescents and adults with Autism

Behavior Clinic/Parent Training: children of all ages and their parents

Our Students

Undergraduates

Our undergraduate students typically are juniors and seniors with 17-35 credit hours in Psychology. There are exceptions. If you have any special requirements for students who apply at your practicum site, please describe them.

Graduate Students

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or in their second year in the clinical track of our graduate psychology program. These students need direct service contact with clients, and also need weekly supervision from a licensed mental health professional. Is your site interested in working with our graduate students?

ABA and Related Services practicum opportunities are available to graduate students, undergrads, interns and volunteers.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students:

The Group Program runs Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:30. We require a minimum commitment of 2 afternoons per week in the group program for one semester. **Four afternoons and two semesters are preferable** as this provides

greater consistency for our children and staff. The two afternoons may be M/W, W/F, or T/Th. Other times may be available for practice in other programs.

Is this a paid practicum? X No _____

If yes, what is pay rate? _____

What length of commitment (e.g., semester, three months, six months), do you expect from the student?

A 6-month commitment is preferred and will be given preference, but we will consider a one semester commitment.

Application Process

What is the preferred application process (e.g., email/mail resume/schedule an appointment)?

E-mail a resume to the contact person listed above.

Please provide any other information that would be useful in helping our students to make more informed choices.

Thank You!

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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