

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site The Salvation Army Social Services (includes Emergency Social Services Dept, The Family Enrichment Center, The Harbor House)

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

We offer direct social service assistance through our Emergency Social Services department ranging from emergency food assistance to rental assistance as well as other basic needs.

In our Family Enrichment Center we are a transitional housing center for homeless families. We work on self-sufficiency skills, job skills, parenting issues, budgeting, counseling issues, etc.

In our Harbor House we are homeless center for single men looking to reintegrate back into the community. While there they are working on self-sufficiency skills, job skills, budgeting, counseling issues, etc.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

The practicum student will learn the day to day affairs of our program and will assist in case management with the residents. The student will be in direct contact with the residents.

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

The student will be working with a variety of clientele depending on which department they choose. Many of our residents have a certain degree of mental

health issues that we are helping them to address. We serve a wide range of clientele with an equal wide range of needs.

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 sometime during 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?

We would be. However, there is not a licensed mental health professional on our staff. Our Harbor House Shelter Manager has a Masters of Arts in Counseling. The Social Services Director possesses a Bachelor of Science Degree in Child and Family Development with fifteen years of experience working with the homeless population. Our Lead Monitor in the Family Enrichment Center does have a Masters of Science in Psychology.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

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

Is this a paid practicum? Yes _____ No X

If yes, what is pay rate? _____

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

This usually depends on the number of hours needed by the school. We like to have someone for a semester, but would take someone on for a less amount of time or longer.

Application Process

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

A resume would be appreciated. Anyone interested may contact me by phone and or by email so that an interview can be set up. All Practicum Students will have to fill out a Volunteer Application, which includes a Background Check.

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

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Our message is based on the Bible. Our ministry is motivated by the love of God. Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human need in His name without discrimination.

We endeavor to make available resources to help individuals through their physical, emotional, and spiritual crises with a common sense approach. This is accomplished by providing emergency housing, case management and spiritual instruction. For those who hope to become self supporting, job counseling, self-help workshops, and study groups are offered.

Thank You!

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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