

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site KLASS (Kids Learning About Social Skills)

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

KLASS works with children and adolescents ages 6-21 who are already receiving a clinical service at Burrell Behavioral Health. These services include case management, psychiatry, and therapy. Clients that attend KLASS have emotional or behavioral challenges and are referred to the program for assistance with social skills development. There are generally 3-4 staff members present in each KLASS session including the program coordinator. KLASSes are divided by age range and each group meets once a week.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

Interns and volunteers in the program work directly with a small case-load of clients to help them learn and practice social skills. Interns and volunteers are also responsible for writing weekly progress notes to inform other service providers within Burrell of their client's progress in KLASS. This is an ideal internship or volunteer experience for those interested in working with children or youth or those who want to learn more about program development within social service institutions. Approximately 8-10 interns or volunteers are needed each semester for Springfield KLASS and Branson KLASS.

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

Children and adolescents age 6-21 with behavior and emotional disorders

Our Students

Undergraduates

KLASS has no specific requirements. It is preferred that an applicant's resume be turned in with an application.

Graduate Students

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or some time 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?

Yes. Every time we have had graduate students it has been an excellent experience for KLASS as well as for the student. I'd recommend it as a first year placement, but we are pleased to take second year students as well.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

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

Mon-Thursday afternoons (after 3pm) in order to get direct client contact. Students can choose how many hours to work based on his or her need and schedule.

Is this a paid practicum? No XX

If yes, what is pay rate? N/A

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

A semester long commitment. Usually internship begins first week of classes and goes until week before finals or finals week.

Application Process

What is the preferred application process?

It is preferred that the student contact Michelle Houghton, KLASS Coordinator, directly instead of going through HR of Burrell. This makes the process go faster. Also, students should apply as soon as possible. (Ie: apply in Novemeber/early Decmber for Spring placement).

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

This internship is ideal if a student wants direct contact with clients. Past students who have participated in the internship have ranged from having no prior experience to having several years. Students are placed on teams based on how they can help one another learn about kids with behavioral disorders. Extensive training is provided, as well as a throughout introduction to Burrell Behavioral Health. Students wishing to volunteer once a week or more without receiving credit are also encouraged to apply.

Thank You!

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