

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Rivendale Institute of Learning

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

We are a year round school for children with learning disabilities and autism. Our program is individualized to meet the needs of our students with class sizes being very small and lots of one on one attention. We have 5 classrooms currently and are expanding this June to add another class of children with autism located within an existing pre-school across the street from our facility. This is a new and innovative program we think will change schools across our community.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

Most of our practicum students work one on one or in small groups while being supervised by the teacher. If one is interested in the area of autism, we will provide training to do discrete trials using applied behavior principles.

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

Our autism program serves children ages 3-10 and our learning disabled classrooms are for children 5-18 years.

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 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. We have our first graduate student in the field of social work at our Joplin campus. This has been a terrific experience for both of us. She provides counseling to our families and staff in addition to working with our children who have a diagnosis of autism.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students: M-F 8:30-3:00

Is this a paid practicum? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is pay rate? _____

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

At least one semester. Our experience has been once a person does a practicum, they end up staying on as employee because the kids and environment is so awesome!

Application Process

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

Contact me by phone to set up an interview. 864-7921

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

We have great staff and families. Our school environment is very nurturing and people really feel it. Kids feel safe, parents feel safe. Everyone that has worked at Rivendale, volunteered, or has been an intern has had wonderful experiences!

Thank You!

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