

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Vocational Rehabilitation

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

At Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), there are a lot of activities that happen. They include a variety of activities including counseling clients, coordinating services, scheduling appointments, career counseling, evaluation of testing, completing psychosocial reports, and doing research on disabilities/employment.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

There is a lot of follow along getting acquainted with the job. One individual may qualify for assistance with college, while you are also coordinating job coaching services or the purchase of a prosthetic limb for another. Once familiar, a student would be responsible for coordination of these services, counseling (under another counselor), typing reports (they are reviewed for content), and other duties as assigned.

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

Most VR clients are adults. However, we also visit schools and can work with any employable age. About 2/3 of our clients are of a purely psychiatric nature (MR, Depression, Personality Disorder, substance abuse, and other types of mental illness). The remaining 1/3 are generally more medical consisting of primarily orthopedic. Many of these have secondary psychiatric issues. For example, an individual may have been doing construction and suffered a knee

injury. Often times, this person may have a personality disorder or substance abuse history.

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.

NA

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

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? N/A

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

We work things out each semester and must have available time to work with graduate students (usually maximum of 1 student per semester). A pre-interview will be conducted to ensure that the student is a good match for the clientele and job.

Application Process

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

Initially, it is easier to contact me via email as I am out of the office a lot (our office covers 8 Missouri counties). If we have an available slot, we do like to review a resume and schedule an appointment for an interview.

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

This job is complex and a great learning opportunity. You may experience a range of disorders from developmental (MR or Autism), Axis I (Depression to schizophrenia), or other Axis II (Personality Disorders). You will increase knowledge about medical issues and what they mean. Due to the intensive nature of training, we wish only to consider those that are going to be seeking employment in this field in the future. In this office, there are 14 individuals (3 support staff and 11 with masters) serving nearly 1300 clients per year. There are a total of 25 offices throughout Missouri. Those interested are encouraged to contact us.

Thank You!

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