

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Rivendale Institute of Learning and Center for Autism

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

We have two locations in Springfield: Institute of Learning and Center for Autism:

Institute of Learning: A school with individualized academic programming for students with Autism Spectrum Exceptionalities, Learning and Emotional Disabilities between the grades of K-12. The school uses integrate technology and a rotational system of instruction.

Center for Autism: A school with individualized language based programming for students with Autism Spectrum Exceptionalities between the ages of 2-12. The students in this program are instructed through discrete trial training, a social skills lab, independent play, activity schedules, a motor lab, natural environment teaching, group instruction, and self-help and life skills.

Both schools have an emphasis on social and behavioral needs.

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 2-12 and our Institute of Learning 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 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 interested in graduate student working towards Counseling and/or Behavior Analyst degrees.

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 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?

At least one semester; It is important for our interns to build a rapport with our students and gain a thorough understanding of the services we implement.

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: 864-7887

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

Rivendale is a wonderful place; you will enjoy every moment with our students. However, it is important to be prepared for new experiences and remain focused and patient during stressful situations. We value our student's progress and put their academic, social, language and behavior needs at the highest standards. Consequently, due to their intense programming we spend an exuberant amount of time training our new staff and interns.

Thank You!

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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