

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

This facility is a 650 bed adult male population dedicated to the treatment of substance abusing criminal offenders who have been ordered by the court system to attend long-term treatment. Our program is 12 months and uses the Therapeutic Community (TC) Model. This concept is based on providing residents an environment that promotes personal responsibility by structuring their daily lives much as they would in society. The day begins at 6:30 am and ends at 8:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Each resident has a DOC job or, if he has not completed high school, the client will attend tutoring classes to obtain his GED. Two years ago we developed and incorporated into the TC framework a unique Collegiate Model format. Clients will schedule their choice of courses that are a combination of relapse prevention needs and personal growth (yoga, college prep, physical fitness, grief and loss...). In addition to their job and classes, all residents will attend 2 small groups each week and attend daily Wing meetings every evening. All residents also meet monthly with their primary counselor for ongoing assessment and treatment review and update. Treatment is also held on Saturday with small groups and classes starting at 7:30 am and ending at 3:30 pm. The challenge our residents face in this model is to participate in this community and allow their peers and the process of the TC to teach them how to heal and rely on support for their recovery.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site: Type of population with which students would be working (e.g., adults, adolescents, children, physically challenged, cognitively challenged, etc.):

Practicum students will be working with adult men who have been court-ordered to treatment based on felonies that have substance use involved. Some of our residents have an extensive criminal background, yet for others, this is their first experience in prison. For this reason, students will always be escorted by trained, radio equipped staff while inside the institution. While their movement is limited, students will still be able to assist with teaching classes, facilitating small groups and attend Wing meetings. Students will also have ample opportunity to do individual sessions as well. Since we work with residents that have been identified with additional mental health diagnosis, students will be able to observe and work with the dual diagnosis Counseling team and develop a more in-depth knowledge of how mental health, substance abuse and criminal thinking are intertwined.

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.

Undergraduate students may do more co-facilitating than a Graduate student due to their limited or generalized training. However, they will still be able to develop their counseling skills with direct contact with clients under strict supervision. Students will be involved in various activities based on their abilities and monitored by Intern Supervisor. Students will also meet with the supervisor daily to review their insights and progress.

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?

Yes. We are invested in this process. We have accepted graduate students from a variety of programs throughout the state and we have LPCs on staff who can supervise this level of student. Weekly supervision is required.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

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

*Practicum and intern students can schedule their hours at times throughout the week - **Monday through Friday; 7:30 am to 8:30 pm.** We do require a commitment due to the need for consistency and quality service with clients.*

Is this a paid practicum? Yes / No- **X** If yes, what is pay rate? None

**Note: If we have an opening, a Practicum student is welcome to apply for a staff position as long as the student is planning to stay in the area after graduation. This will not affect the supervision provided as long as your institution approves of this status.*

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

A minimum of three months commitment would be needed due to the amount of time students will invest to complete the application process as well as the cost to DOC. All of the steps in the application process must be completed before students are allowed into the prison facility. The student is welcome to stay as long as he or she is an active student in your program.

Application Process

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

Initially, contact Thresa Miller at Thresa.Miller2@doc.mo.gov via email. Once the student has received an application, it should be completed and emailed to Ms. Tresa Coday.

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

A practicum / internship at this institution will be unique, challenging and packed with opportunity; it holds the benefit of real experience in nearly every scope of counseling. The hours accumulated by the student can also be applied toward the student's state certification in Substance Abuse Counseling through the Missouri Substance Abuse Professional Counseling Board (MSAPCB).

Interns and practicum students will be working inside a prison therefore safety and security is of the utmost importance. It is stressed that appropriate conservative attire is required and essential to maintain safety for both students and staff.

If this program is the kind of experience your students are interested in, they will need to fill out an application and we will then set up an interview at our facility. When a student receives the application, he/she must make sure it is filled out completely, as the information will be needed for a background check and screening in order to enter the facility.

If accepted as an intern, the student will then be asked to attend a one day DOC training in Jefferson City, have a double TB test, and provide a UA before beginning the internship. These steps normally take a while, so the sooner they get started, the better.

It would be helpful, for scheduling purposes, if the student would provide us with the actual days and hours they would be available for internship. They may communicate the available hours at the time of their interview.

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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