

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site NAMI Southwest Missouri

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

Local affiliate of NAMI Missouri and the National Alliance on Mental Illness providing

- A selection of NAMI core programs including Family Support Group, Family to Family Class, In Our Own Voice, NAMI Homefront and NAMI Connection.
- A Drop-In Center providing a variety of support groups and education groups including: bipolar disorder, depression, dual diagnosis, panic/anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia/schizoaffective disorders and more.
- A Warm Line – peer support phone line.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

Observe support groups and Peer Specialist meetings, coordinate special projects; ; participate and help plan fund raising events; educational presentations, etc.

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

Family members, adults with mental illness age 17 and older

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?

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students: Varies and will depend on staff schedules

Is this a paid practicum? Yes _____ No X

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 three months

Application Process

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

Schedule an appointment with Addie Blankenship, Director of the Hope Center

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

NAMI Southwest Missouri and the Hope Center is a non-profit agency. There are no licensed therapists, counselors, etc. on staff or as volunteers. All programs are peer led, including facilitators, warm line responders, and staff. All have lived experience with mental illness.

Thank you

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