

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Harmony House

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

Since we are a shelter for abused men, women and their children, we do intakes, take hotline calls, do group sessions, case management, outreach, meals, operate a children's program, and attempt to meet all other needs of our clients.

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

Assisting staff in ensuring that the needs of our clients are met through advocacy, case management, group sessions, and other staff duties. Practicum students may also arrange to shadow certain staff, such as case managers, and help meet children's needs in childcare.

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

Adult men, women and their children. Many clients we service have some kind of mental, physical, and/or emotional needs due to abuse. Some may also have addiction problems.

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.

For those working with shelter clients there is 40 hours of onsite training and a willingness and compassion to help staff meet the needs of our clients. These 40 hours are considered part of their total practicum hours. Students may be asked to perform any task that regular staff performs.

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 are interested in working with this population of students but due to budget/grant cuts we do not have a licensed mental health professional on our paid staff and therefore will not be able to support any graduate students at this time.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

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

Depending on whether they are trained or not they could help between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

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 one semester.

Application Process

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

Send an e-mail to Ivy Sheldon, volunteer coordinator, to clarify interest. Paper work will be completed after a successful in person interview. A background check will be completed and there may be a fee associated with it.

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

We require 40 hours of training for each volunteer/practicum/intern who works directly with our clients. Trainings are very hands on and can be accomplished while volunteering. There is a curriculum that is broken into training segments that occur at different times throughout the month, making it easier for the volunteer to schedule. We understand that people have a life and things occur so we make it simpler for them to volunteer while in training.

Due to the issues with which our clients come to us, we are an excellent educational experience for your students. This is the REAL world!

Thank You!

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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