

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

Professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships for children facing adversity through our site based programs (lunch buddy & our community based program).

Description of practicum students' duties at your site:

Assistance with interviewing, processing, documenting, and supervising youth, parent/guardian and volunteers. Database entry, files, and clerical work as it pertains to the match process. Work hands on with youth in school sites and attend staff and board of director meetings. Assistance with volunteer recruitment and reference calls.

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

Youth ages pre-K through 18.

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.

A bachelor's degree is required in order to supervise our matches and provide match support for our volunteers; therefore, undergraduate students could only work in database entry, files, and clerical work as it pertains to the match process, in school site; attend staff and board of director meetings; and assist with volunteer recruitment processing.

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?

No

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students: Typical office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m. with the flexibility of occasional evening or weekend activities.

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?

Semester to full school year – As of 11/29/17, we have room for up to two interns for the spring semester.

Application Process

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

Email resume – in office interview with VP of Community Engagement

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

The practicum student would need to have a passion for serving children. Students should also be prepared to join an award-winning team. They would have the opportunity to make obvious and direct impacts. For consideration, students would need to be self-motivated, able to work with both children and adults comfortably, and be flexible with their hours because there are occasional evening or weekend activities from which they would benefit.

Thank You!

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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