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Position: **Mental Health Intern in a Residential/Partial Hospitalization Setting**

**Description:** This site, called the Residential Treatment Program (RTP), provides a residential placement for consumers who are in crisis, with a maximum 90-day stay. The consumer’s attend group therapy, meet with the doctor weekly for medication management, and work with staff to reestablish a return to the community. The primary focus of Chartiers’ Partial Hospital Program is group therapy.

Student interns gain experience working with adults in a group therapy setting (while supervised by a therapist). Interns typically review policies and observe the group process over the initial (2) weeks of placement. Each student is then assessed and plans are made for group assignments with the student intern as the primary group facilitator (a primary therapist will co-facilitate).

In the Partial Hospitalization Program interns will assist staff with the treatment of clients followed by interventions and activities relevant to the clients’ needs. Interns will receive training in the areas of assessment, treatment planning, group therapy and documentation.

**Skills:** Interns should have knowledge of psychiatric disabilities, symptoms and treatment methods. It is also necessary to work effectively with co-workers and communicate clearly, both verbally and in writing. The intern should have the ability to develop and implement specific services to residents based on their needs. Master level students only, particularly students working on their MSW or Masters in Counseling.

**Location:** Hickory Grade Rd., Bridgeville, PA (not accessible by public transportation.)

**Start Date:** January 2015 (opportunity renewed each semester)

**Hours:** M/F 9am-5pm, Tu/W 10am-6pm and Thurs. 8:30am-4:30pm.

**Compensation:** Relevant field experience, non-paying

**Requirements:** Interested students are asked to email their resume along with information outlining their program of study and required credit hours for the internship. An interview will follow with the site supervisor. The intern application will require students to submit a current criminal clearance, child abuse clearance and proof of liability insurance.

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**Position:** Mental Health Intern in a Geriatric Residential Setting

**Description:** This site is a Long-Term Structured Residence for 16 seniors with a history of mental illness who require daily support for their physical and mental well being. Residents also enjoy leisure time activities under the guidance and support of staff.

The intern will assist staff with the treatment of clients followed by interventions and activities relevant to the clients’ needs utilizing a group approach. In addition, the intern will work with staff to implement, monitor and document activities as specified in the treatment plan for the geriatric residents.

Interns will receive training in the areas of daily living and personal care services through hand over hand assistance and direct verbal and written presentation of information to residents. Interns will receive training in the areas of assessment, treatment planning, group therapy and documentation. Students will also acquire an understanding of federal, state, county and local regulations and specific policies and procedures related to program operations.

**Skills:** Interns should have knowledge of psychiatric disabilities, symptoms and treatment methods. It is also necessary to work effectively with co-workers and communicate clearly, both verbally and in writing. The intern should have the ability to develop and implement specific services to residents based on their needs. Master level students only, particularly students working on their MSW or Masters in Counseling.

**Location:** Carnegie, PA

**Start Date:** January 2015 (opportunity renewed each semester)

**Hours:** To coincide with required credit hours

**Compensation:** Relevant field experience, non-paying

**Requirements:** Interested students are asked to email their resume along with information outlining their program of study and required credit hours for the internship. An interview will follow with the site supervisor. The intern application will require students to submit a current criminal clearance, child abuse clearance and proof of liability insurance. Students will also need to have a physical exam including a TB test, hepatitis screening.

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