CRISIS CENTER NORTH
COUNSELING INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The mission of Crisis Center North is to empower victims of domestic violence and cultivate community attitudes and behaviors that break the cycle of violence. To that end, we provide counseling, advocacy and educational programming to victims, significant others and members of the community.

CCN’s clinical supervisor holds an LSW and works closely with students to maximize their educational development. Students have formal weekly supervision, as well as ongoing access to the supervisor for consultation and direction. Students will gain confidence and necessary skills in real-world experience through their interaction with the CCN team and clients.

CCN has limited openings for interns who bring their time and talents into the organization. We seek candidates who are strong both academically and interpersonally. Please refer to the qualifications subheading for application details.

Summary of Objectives

Theoretical Framework
• Understand the effects of trauma and methods for helping clients heal from it
• Understand the intricacies of PFAs
• Explore topics of particular interest such as DV in minority and/or faith communities, working with child witnesses to DV, complex trauma
• Explore the relationship between social and structural patriarchal norms and violence against women
• Understand DV policy as well as its effects on clients

Core Skills
• Learn techniques for establishing & maintaining therapeutic alliance
• Learn how to create a safety plan
• Become familiar with assessment tools
• Become comfortable conducting intakes
• Learn techniques for structuring and guiding a counseling session
• Gain knowledge of different intervention techniques

Topical Skills
• Learn how to set goals collaboratively with clients
• Learn how to help survivors’ significant others be supportive to their partners
• Learn components of facilitating a support group
• Learn components and benefits of animal-assisted therapy

Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following basic requirements:
• Graduate level student in an accredited social work or counseling program
• Commitment of at least 1 full semester
• Commitment to at least 2 hotline shifts per month to advance in-depth crisis-management skills
Background check
Preliminary candidates will be interviewed by phone, and final candidates will be interviewed in person.

Timeline

Spring
- Application should be complete by Nov. 1st
- Interview by Nov. 15th
- Start date: first week of January

Fall
- Application should be complete by May 15th
- Interview by June 15th
- Start date: first week of September