Jewish Family & Children’s Service offers internships for Social Work students in both our Career Development Center and our Quest Therapeutic Program.

Through the Career Development Center’s EmployAble program, students can gain first-hand experience working with adults who have a mental health diagnosis or autism, are enrolled in or who have completed some type of post-secondary education, and are looking for a job.

This opportunity provides students the ability to learn career counseling techniques through a therapeutic lens. Students will be responsible for shadowing current staff, learning the screening and intake process for the program, assisting clients with completing job applications, attending workshops offered through the CDC, assisting with and/or co-leading workshops, generating new workshops or materials for the program, and co-facilitating support groups.

Students will be supervised by an LPC who has over 15 years of experience working in the field and has specialized knowledge in the field of autism.

Location: 5743 Bartlett Street Pittsburgh PA 15217

Hours: Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-4 p.m., depending on student’s schedule/needs some evening or weekend hours may be available if this is helpful to the student

Offered year round

The Quest Therapeutic program provides an opportunity for students who are completing a field placement during the summer semester.

Quest camp runs from mid-June to early August and provides students the opportunity to learn therapeutic and behavioral approaches in a real-life setting. Quest camp serves youth ages 6-18 who have mild to moderate social and emotional needs. Campers may be diagnosed with Anxiety Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, OCD, Depression, etc.

Students will be responsible for assisting with pre-camp preparation such as curriculum development and enhancing current goal and behavioral tracking systems. Once camp begins students will be provided the opportunity to attend staff training, co-facilitate camp activities including group therapy, once acclimated to the program lead one or more group therapy sessions, and generate write-ups for bi-weekly parent meetings. This is a unique opportunity for students to learn how to combine therapeutic skills and interventions with Applied Behavioral Analysis techniques in a fun and naturalistic setting.

Students will be supervised by an LPC who has over 15 years of experience working in the field and has specialized knowledge in the field of autism.

Location: 5743 Bartlett Street Pittsburgh PA 15217 & 2740 Beechwood Blvd Pittsburgh PA 15217

Hours: Mondays-Fridays 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Offered during the summer semester only