



Professional Training Programs

Position Description for Trainees

Job title: **Behavioral Health Intern**

Income: **Part-time – \$15.00 an hour**

Work Location: **Milwaukee County Mental Health Clinic**

1919 W North Avenue, Suite 200

Milwaukee, WI 53205

Division/Department: **DHHS - Behavioral Health Services**

Reports to: **Licensed Direct Supervisor & Clinic Manager**

Job Summary:

One part-time internship opportunity is available working at the **Milwaukee County Mental Health Clinic (MCMHC)**, which is a community-based, outpatient clinic that provides psychotherapy services to youth and young adults with medication management as clinically indicated. In addition, it provides medication management and psychotherapy to youth and young adults enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee or Youth Comprehensive Community Services (CCS). The clinic's multidisciplinary team consists of child psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, nurse prescribers, and a dedicated team of management and administrative leadership. It is strategically located in a community identified as historically underserved as a means of ensuring that quality behavioral health care services are afforded to all across Milwaukee County.

The Behavioral Health Intern will be responsible for assessment of client's treatment needs and providing outpatient therapeutic services to address identified issues. Duties also include ongoing assessment of risk of harm to self, depression, anxiety or other behavioral health concerns. Ability to engage with parent(s) or caregivers of youth as clinically indicated is of paramount importance as is a passion and understanding of the needs of the community. A high level of clinical skills, independent decision making, ability to work under pressure and comfort in a team environment is imperative. Those served by this clinic may be facing a range of behavioral health concerns, as well as potentially life changing, crisis situations, and as such the intern is required to be able to develop rapport, assess the client's individual mental health needs thoroughly, and as needed, in consultation with their supervisor and clinical team. In addition, the ability to provide treatment recommendations regarding crisis management, stabilizing in times of crisis and ability to connect individual and their significant others to community-based resources are a key part of this role's success.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assessment and evaluation of counseling needs, development of treatment plans and goals, treatment of depression, anxiety, trauma or other clinical issues as needed.
- Remain sensitive to understanding the complexities of cultural and language needs of the MCMHC clients and their families.
- Assess clients to determine fit for outpatient treatment and establish provisional diagnosis and initial treatment plan.
- Conduct individual, and/or family therapy, when clinically indicated, in accordance with state regulations and professional licensure law(s) in Wisconsin.
- Counseling clients regarding psychological or emotional problems such as depression, anxiety, life transitions, child development, family challenges, grief and loss, etc.

- If necessary, provide crisis intervention services to clients to ensure risk levels are properly managed and, when appropriate, triage to higher level of care.
- Maintain collateral contact with client's referring physician/professional, teachers, parents, as well as any other pertinent treatment providers, to ensure optimum level of care.
- Maintaining appropriate records and adhering to ethical practice.
- Participate in consultation or supervision in accordance with licensure law(s)
- Participate in the multidisciplinary team and seeks opportunities to learn and develop clinical skills.

Work Experience Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in a Master's Degree program in Social Work, Psychology, Counseling, or in a closely related field. Recent graduates from a Master's Degree program are also eligible to apply.
- If enrolled in a Master's Degree program, this position is limited to a student in need of a 2-3 semester placement.
- Availability to work 16-24 hours per week.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including ability to effectively communicate with internal and external customers.
- Must be able to work under pressure and meet deadlines while maintaining a positive attitude and providing exemplary customer service.
- Ability to work independently and to carry out assignments to completion within parameters of instructions given, prescribed routines, and standard accepted practices.
- Excellent computer knowledge (MS Office – Word, Excel and Outlook).
- Authorized to work in the United States; Wisconsin residency within six (6) months of hire date
- Able and willing to travel, within community, up to 5% of work time as determined by clinical and administrative duties of the job.

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[Behavioral Health \(milwaukee.gov\)](http://BehavioralHealth.milwaukee.gov)

Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is working in partnership with Milwaukee Comprehensive Care Collaborative (MC3), a grassroots organization that strives to improve the quality and delivery of behavioral health services and we are committed to the MC3 values and providing an exceptional internship experience. BHS promotes educational and cultural development of Milwaukee County through innovative collaborations, external partnerships, and a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion.

We seek greater diversity in our staff to broaden students' work experience and to enrich our community. You will have the opportunity to work with consumers that have complex needs, i.e., mental health, substance use and social economic status. Candidates must be sensitive to the needs of and possess an interest in working in a community that is diverse, with regard to gender, race, ethnicity, religion, nationality, sexual orientation or identity, disability status, and protected veteran status.