Ball State University Counseling Center
Social Work Master’s Internship

2024-2025 Training Year
Spring and Summer Semesters

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Information for Prospective Applicants
Thank you for your interest in our Social Work Internship Program.

The Counseling Center provides a full range of services to the Ball State University community, including individual and group therapy, outreach, and consultation. The Social Work Internship is designed to give trainees quality supervised training and experience in the practice of clinical social work. Professional learning and growth are facilitated through direct service provision, intensive supervision, and didactic seminars. Social Work Interns average 22-24 hours per week at the Counseling Center, during which they manage a variety of responsibilities that include individual therapy, outreach programs, individual and group supervision, and administrative tasks.

Social Work Intern positions are open to Master’s Social Work students. All Social Work Interns are required to fulfill a two-semester commitment (spring and summer semesters). Interns participate in a weekly multidisciplinary group supervision and trainings on Tuesdays from 8:00-10:00 AM; remaining training hours will be scheduled based on trainee schedules and office availability.

The Social Work Internship program is designed to fulfill both the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) requirements and the Ball State Social Work Department’s field placement policies regarding required clock hours. To fulfill these requirements, Social Work Interns will log 600 hours at the Ball State Counseling Center throughout the duration of internship.

Note: Trainees are sometimes required to use clinical information for academic purposes (e.g., comprehensive examinations or case presentations). The Counseling Center has specific policies and procedures for use of clinical information for academic purposes given the need to protect client confidentiality. All materials containing clinical information are reviewed by the program coordinator prior to their use to ensure sufficient de-identification. Video or audio recordings of sessions are not available for use outside of the Counseling Center. For trainees completing a clinical comprehensive exam requiring video, there are specific procedures allowing for review of the video by the faculty evaluating the comprehensive examination. At no time are trainees allowed to recruit thesis or dissertation participants from Counseling Center clients.

Important Information – Please Read
The dates of the 2024-2025 Externship are August 19, 2024 – May 2, 2025. Participation in orientation prior to beginning a placement at the Counseling Center is required. Orientation is scheduled on Monday and Tuesday during the first week of the spring semester (January 6-7, 2025 from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM). Please plan your schedule accordingly.

Application Process
If you are interested in applying for the 2023-2024 Social Work Internship program, please consult with the Director of Field Education within the Social Work Department. The Director of Field Education will provide your information to the Social Work Internship Program Coordinator in the Fall semester. Interested applicants will be contacted by the Program Coordinator to schedule an interview in October.

If you have additional questions about the Social Work Internship program, please contact us at CCSOCIALWORK@bsu.edu.