Ball State University Counseling Center Social Work Master's Internship

Spring and Summer Semesters

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Information for Prospective Applicants

Thank you for your interest in our Social Work Master's Internship Program.

As part of the larger Counseling and Health Services, 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 Master's 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 are scheduled based on trainee office 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 the required 600 clock hours.

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

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. Please plan your schedule accordingly.**

Application Process

If you are interested in applying for the Social Work Internship program, please consult with the Director of Field Education within the Social Work Department. The Director of Field Education provides your information to the Social Work Internship Program Coordinator in the Fall semester. Interested applicants are contacted by the Counseling Center Program Coordinator to schedule an interview in September or October.

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