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Practicum Opportunities - Doctoral Students

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Number of Positions	Approximately 4-6 positions
Types of Opportunities	**Practicum** (12 month commitment): approximate 80% psychotherapy and 20% psychological testing/assessment **Combined Practicum/Clerkship:** (24 month commitment) this opportunity provides a combined experience in practicum and clerkship (psychotherapy and psychological testing/assessment) over a two year time frame.
Application Dates	Application deadline: **February 20th** Notification Date: March 31st or earlier
Start Date of Internship	**First Wednesday in July**
Required Orientation	2 days in July and 2 days in September (specific dates vary each year but usually scheduled on a Wednesday, Tuesday and/or Friday)
Required Schedule	Students and primary supervisors will discuss specific schedule options during the interview process. **Wednesdays are a required day at some sites.**
Number of Hours per Week	12-24 (approximately 40% dedicated to direct client contact hours) Clinics hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Wednesday: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Supervision	• Minimum of 1 hour of individual supervision per week with a licensed psychologist • 2-hour group supervision is provided at most locations - facilitated by a licensed psychologist or a delegated supervisor (LMFT, LCSW, LPCC)
Type of Experience/Training	Psychological assessment, individual, group, and/or family therapy, case management, treatment planning, case consultation, crisis intervention, documentation of services.
Best Candidates	Applicants should be specifically interested in working in a public mental health setting. Our population generally has persistent and serious mental illness and often come from disadvantaged environments with very challenging circumstances. Other helpful qualities of applicants is the ability to be flexible and the apacity to manage county paperwork demands.

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ADULT MENTAL HEALTH COURT/ FORENSICS	(Adult Division)
Program Description	The Mental Health Court team consists of case managers and clinicians who provide mental health treatment services and support services to adult mentally ill offenders who have co-occurring disorders (a primary diagnosis of mental illness and a secondary substance abuse disorder) in a post-booking, out-of-custody, formal probation setting. These services include assessment, outpatient therapy, treatment groups, psychological evaluations, crisis services and linkages to housing, jobs, medical and family services. This is a collaborative partnership with the Probation Agency, Behavioral Health Department, District Attorney, Public Defender and the Sheriff's Department. The Forensics team consists of case management and clinical assessment regarding competency and the restoration of competency. Services include comprehensive forensic mental health assessments, treatment, mental health symptom management, skills and community support.
Location/# of Openings	Oxnard - **1-2 openings** (1-year Practicum)
Primary Supervisor	Ronya Livingston, Psy.D.

A NEW START FOR MOMS PROGRAM	(Alcohol and Drug Division)
Program Description	A New Start for Moms is a specialty program for women receiving treatment for substance abuse co-occurring with mental health disorders. The clinic offer services to women of all ages, but focuses on women who are pregnant or have young children. The multi-disciplinary team is comprised of psychiatrists, community service coordinators, alcohol and drug counselors, and licensed clinicians. Services include individual psychotherapy, group counseling, parenting education, intensive perinatal program, methamphetamine intensive program, recovery group, relapse education, and crisis intervention. Frequent co-occurring diagnoses include Mood Disorders, PTSD, and Anxiety Disorders.
Location/# of Openings	Oxnard - **2 openings** (1-year Practicum)
Primary Supervisor	Linda Gertson, Ph.D.

SIMI VALLEY ADULT OUTPATIENT CLINIC	(Adult Division)
Program Description	The adult outpatient clinics provide outpatient public mental health services to adults and older adults experiencing severe and chronic mental illness. These services include individual therapy, group therapy, medication management, psychological testing, case management, and crisis intervention. Each clinic is staff by multi-disciplinarian teams which include psychiatrists, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, clinical art therapists, and case managers (Mental Health Associates). Clients receive individualized treatment plans and services are provided within a wellness and recovery orientation. Frequent diagnoses encountered in the adult clinic include Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Mood Disorders, PTSD and Anxiety Disorders.
Location/ # of Openings	Simi Valley: **2 openings** Combined 2 year Practicum/Clerkship (a 1-year Practicum or Clerkship may be available if space allows)
Primary Supervisors	Ellen Weissman, Psy. D. and Michael Morrow, Psy.D.

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