



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
North Texas Health Care System

VA Social Work Internship Spring 2018

**If you are interested in completing your Social Work Internship for
Spring 2018 Term at VA North Texas Healthcare System,**

it is time to start the process!

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICATION WITH AREAS OF INTEREST

AND RESUME BY OCTOBER 6, 2017

Students who make contact after this date will NOT be considered!

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***WE HAVE BLOCK & SPLIT
POSITIONS AVAILABLE!***

Spring 2018 Available Positions

Area: Dallas, Mental Health Direct Practice, Trauma Clinic – BLOCK or SPLIT

Job Description: The intern will work on the trauma services team to provide care to female and male veterans with PTSD and other trauma related disorders secondary to military sexual trauma and combat trauma. The intern will complete social work and mental health orientations and work as a member of interdisciplinary team to ensure seamless access and care coordination. Intern will assist with case management and care coordination for Veterans with various mental health issues. Intern will have the opportunity to co-facilitate and individually lead therapy groups and become familiar with a variety of leading therapeutic technologies (PE, CPT, ACT, DBT Skills, and Seeking Safety), under the direct Supervision of an LCSW. Supportive psychotherapy will be under the direct supervision of an LCSW. Intern will observe clinical interventions ranging from Psychopharmacology, Peer Support, and Social Work clinical interventions. Intern will have access to treatment planning, under the direct supervision of an LCSW and complete clinical assessments, under the direct supervision of an LCSW. Intern will complete documentation using the Computerized Patient Records System and complete documentation in accordance with Social Work practice standards.

Area: Dallas, Social Work Direct Practice, Inpatient (Medical/Surgery) – SPLIT or BLOCK

Job Description: The intern will provide inpatient case management and discharge planning in a very fast paced environment. A successful intern will be organized, efficient and able to quickly adapt to the daily changing needs and expectations of the inpatient setting with a positive attitude and energetic demeanor. Intern will have opportunities to have direct face to face patient care to complete admission screenings, psychosocial assessments, be involved in an interdisciplinary treatment team, advance directives and advance care planning conversations, community referrals /resources, and to facilitate discharge to many different levels of care. Intern will have an ability to work independently after guidance and supervision has been provided.

Spring 2018 Available Positions

Area: Dallas, Medical/Surgery Section Chief (Community Administration Policy) - BLOCK

Job Description: The intern should expect to be exposed to macro social work in a large, bureaucratic system. The Med/Surg Section Chief currently supervises direct practice social workers and supervisors; improves processes to ensure continuity of care; and incorporates the VA's mission to improve the scope of social work practice. A successful intern would possess good organizational skills, an ability to evaluate an environment from the Systems Theory perspective, an ability to work independently on projects after guidance is provided, have a keen interest in career development and be a motivated self-starter. Intern will also have minimal access to direct practice opportunities such as: psychosocial assessments, treatment plan development and case management, as this will be used as a way for them to have the needed direct practice exposure for the LMSW exam.

Area: Dallas, Mental Health Direct Practice, Diamond Team - SPLIT or BLOCK

Job Description: The intern will complete social work and mental health orientations and work as a member of the interdisciplinary team to ensure seamless access and care coordination. Intern will assist with case management and care coordination for Veterans with various mental health issues ranging from severe mental illness to adjustment disorders, under the direct supervision of an LCSW. Intern will observe clinical interventions ranging from Psychopharmacology, Peer Support, and Social Work clinical interventions, as well as, co-facilitate groups with members of the Diamond Clinical team. Intern will have access to treatment planning, and complete clinical assessments, under the direct supervision of an LCSW. Intern will complete documentation using the Computerized Patient Records System.

Spring 2018 Available Positions

Area: Dallas, Outpatient Specialty Clinic Social Worker, Geriatric, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), and Renal/Dialysis Clinics- BLOCK

Job Description: This intern will work in a variety of settings and be responsible for assisting veterans age 18 to 80 or older. Intern will be asked to provide supportive counseling/education, crisis intervention, referrals, and advocacy. Intern will conduct assessment and develop treatment planning/goal setting, discharge planning, and other duties as assigned.

Area: Dallas, Assistant Chief (Community Administration Policy) – BLOCK or SPLIT

Job Description: The intern should expect to be exposed to macro social work in a large, bureaucratic system. The Assistant Chief currently participate in overseeing the practice of social workers within the VA North TX Healthcare Systems as well as program management, education, human resource management, supervision, direct planning, developing and implementing policies and procedures, overseeing data management, developing individual and group goals and objectives, monitoring, operationalizing, evaluating, coordinating and directing Social Work Service staff. A successful intern would possess good organizational skills, an ability to evaluate an environment from the Systems Theory perspective, an ability to work independently on projects after guidance is provided, have a keen interest in career development and be a motivated self-starter.

Area: Dallas, Outpatient Direct Practice – BLOCK or SPLIT

Job Description: The intern will perform tasks to include social work assessments analyzing the Veteran/situation either on the phone or in person. The expectation is to know the guideline for a Service Connected Veteran and a Non-Service Connected Veteran. Benefits at the VA is based on wartime/income for the Veteran and Service Connected Rating. Intern will learn how to do an assessment for the Veteran and refer the Veteran to a Veterans Service Officer to file a claim for any VA benefits (if appropriate). Intern will learn resources in the area that assists Veterans with financial difficulties such as paying rent/utilities and referrals to see if a Veteran is eligible for SSD/SSI/food stamps. Intern will assist Veterans to complete his/her Advance Directive/Living Will. In this way the veterans' health care team knows what the veterans wishes are in the event that the veteran is not able to voice his/her wishes due to a serious medical condition.