



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NORTH TEXAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

VA Social Work Internship Fall 2018

If you are interested in completing your
Master's Level Social Work Internship
at VA North Texas Healthcare System,

**YOU MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICATION WITH POSITION(S)
OF INTEREST AND RESUME BY June 6, 2018**

Students who make contact after this date will NOT be considered!
Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, June 12th for all those who
submitted applications on a first come first scheduled basis.

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Fall 2018 Available Positions

Area: Dallas, Mental Health Direct Practice, Suicide Prevention – BLOCK or SPLIT

Job Description: The intern will assist the Suicide Prevention program towards its goals of providing education to staff, arranging outreach to Veterans and community partners, and assisting with routine Veterans Crisis Line calls. Full orientation to the program will be provided, and supervision will be given by Suicide Prevention Program Manager or LCSW assigned to the program if Program Manager is out. As there are many moving pieces to the program, the intern needs to be capable of handling competing priorities while working in what can be a high stress program. Additionally, due to the VA's focus on Suicide Prevention and the intern being a representative for the program, the intern needs to be comfortable speaking in front of large crowds and fielding questions. The intern will have minimal direct care interaction with Veterans as only clinical work will be over the phone providing referrals for Veterans who call into the Veterans Crisis Line and whose calls have been determined "routine" by previously set classification system.

Area: Dallas, Mental Health Direct Practice, Domiciliary, BLOCK or SPLIT

Job Description: The intern will provide individual and group psychotherapy as well as case management under close supervision. Group therapy includes Anger and Anxiety Management. The intern would work with their supervisor and expect the student to have an interest in learning about therapy, DSM IV-TR diagnostic criteria and case management. The supervisor would also expect the intern to be willing to co-facilitate groups and provide individual therapy with close supervision.

Fall 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, Outpatient Specialty Clinic Social Worker, Geriatric, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), and Renal/Dialysis Clinics- BLOCK or SPLIT

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.

Fall 2018 Available Positions

Area: Dallas, Mental Health Direct Practice, Gold Team, Addiction and Co-Occurring Disorders Services - SPLIT or BLOCK

Job Description: The Mental Health Gold Team provide services to Veterans whose primary diagnosis is substance use disorder. The Mental Health Gold Team manages the MH Substance Abuse Outpatient Clinic, Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, Intensive Outpatient Program and Opioid Replacement Clinic. Each program provides case management and individualized treatment of addiction and co-occurring disorders which includes individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, crisis intervention, medication management, opioid replacement therapy, referrals and coordination of care. MH Gold Team Interns will learn how to conduct psychosocial assessments, treatment plans, admissions, psychoeducation individual and group progress notes and brief mental health assessments. Interns will provide case management, supportive counseling, crisis intervention and facilitate group therapy sessions.