



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NORTH TEXAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

VA Social Work Internship Summer 2019

**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 April 5, 2019.**

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

**Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, April 23rd for all those who
submitted applications on a first come first scheduled basis.**

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Summer 2019 Available Positions

Area: DALLAS, Medical/Surgery Section (Community Administration Policy) – (1) BLOCK

Job Description: The intern should expect to be exposed to macro social work in a large, bureaucratic system. The Medical/Surgical 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: BONHAM, Direct Practice/Intensive Case Management (Community Administration Policy) – (1) SPLIT

Job Description: The intern should expect to be exposed to macro social work in a large, bureaucratic system. The Direct Practice/Intensive Case Management 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, Renal/Dialysis Clinics- (1) SPLIT

Job Description: The intern will complete discharge planning for newly initiated dialysis patients. In addition, provide case management and supportive therapeutic services for dialysis patients assigned to the Dallas VA outpatient dialysis unit. Intern will coordinate services and/or address care needs for patients referred to the community (by VA) for dialysis.

Summer 2019 Available Positions

Area: DALLAS, Mental Health Direct Practice, Gold Team, Addiction and Co-Occurring Disorders Services – (1) BLOCK and (1) SPLIT

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.

Area: DALLAS, Direct Practice, Inpatient (Medical/Surgery) , (1) SPLIT

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.

Summer 2019 Available Positions

**Area: FORT WORTH, Medical Foster Home Program, (Community Administration Policy) – (1)
SPLIT**

Job Description: The intern should expect to be exposed to macro social work in a large, bureaucratic system. The Medical Foster Home (MFH) Coordinator manages caregivers and Veterans in the MFH Program, supervises direct practice social workers, and improves processes to ensure continuity of care; and incorporates the VA's mission to improve the scope of social work practice. An intern placed in the MFH Program would have the opportunity to assist with maintaining the continued growth of the program and assisting the caregivers and veterans. This will be accomplished by assisting with marketing, outreach events, bi-annual caregiver training, community presentations, etc. The intern would also assist with completing initial and annual inspections, participating in home tours for potential caregivers, complete assessments for interested veterans, assist with placement into the MFH, as well as assist with completing benefit applications through the Veterans Benefits Administration. 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, Domiciliary, 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.