Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium

Students’ Guide to GSWEC

for

2nd Year Field Placements in 2013/2014
This *Guide to GSWEC* is for social work graduate students interested in developing skills in and specializing in services for and with older adults and their families.

*GSWEC (Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium)* is a collaboration among seven Graduate Schools of Social Work and nine community agencies specializing in services for older adults. It was established in 1999 to provide aging-focused 2nd year field placements and competency-driven geriatric social work field education.

GSWEC field placements are structured to provide students with a well rounded experience of social work with older adults.

The GSWEC consortium includes:

- Seven Southern California Graduate Schools of Social Work
  - California State University, Dominguez Hills
  - California State University, Fullerton
  - California State University, Long Beach
  - California State University, Los Angeles
  - California State University, Northridge
  - University of California, Los Angeles
  - University of Southern California

- Nine Centers of Excellence in Geriatric Social Work Field Education:
  - Alzheimer’s Association
  - Beach Cities Health District
  - Huntington Senior Care Network
  - Jewish Family Service
  - Motion Picture and Television Fund
  - Pacific Clinics
  - Partners in Care Foundation
  - SCAN Health Plan
  - Veterans Administration Health Systems

For additional information, read this *GSWEC Student Guide* and talk with your Social Work School’s GSWEC Liaison.

[www.geriatricsocialwork.org](http://www.geriatricsocialwork.org)

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GSWEC FAQs

What advantage is there for me to be in GSWEC?

- GSWEC is well recognized among employers and GSWEC alumni are sought after as employees.
- GSWEC students receive supplemental training in Geriatric Social Work, guided by nationally recognized Geriatric Social Work Competencies developed by GSWEC.
- GSWEC students experience both micro and macro practice.
- GSWEC students gain a broader field experience with Associate Site rotations.
- GSWEC students have opportunity to network with other GSWEC students and alumni.

What field placement settings does GSWEC offer?  GSWEC offers micro, mezzo and macro placement opportunities at its nine Geriatric Centers of Excellence agencies. Placement settings include

- Mental Health
- Health Care and Health Promotion
- Geriatric Care Management
- Adult Day Health Care
- Dementia Care and Caregiver Support
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Senior Services Administration
- Civic Engagement and Volunteerism

What is GSWEC’s “Competency-Driven Education”?  GSWEC developed “Geriatric Social Work Competencies” as a foundation for geriatric field placement experiences. GSWEC Field Instructor and student use the Competencies to identify the student’s learning goals, and to provide the basis for learning assignments and assessment of the student’s progress. The Competencies emphasize geriatric social work values, knowledge, and skills encompassing micro- to macro-level practice in four general areas:

- Values, Ethics and Theoretical Perspectives
- Assessment
- Intervention
- Aging Services, Programs and Policies

What Are GSWEC’s Geriatric Social Work Seminars?  All GSWEC students participate in 3 free, full day Geriatric Social Work Seminars during the Placement Year. Seminar locations vary and local travel to other sites is required. Seminars typically include presentations by and discussions with academic and professional experts, Field Instructors and GSWEC alumni. The Seminars broaden students’ learning and provide exposure to many facets of Geriatric Social Work. Topics vary from year to year, but typically include subjects such as:

- Biopsychosocial Aspects of Aging and Impact on Older Adults and Their Families
- Normal and Abnormal Cognitive Changes in Aging
- Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment of Older Adult Mental Health Issues
- Cultural and Age Cohort Diversity
- Caregiver Stressors and Supports
- Older Adults and Substance Abuse
- Palliative and End of Life Care
**Do GSWEC placements offer stipends?**  Most GSWEC agencies provide stipends of $4,000. Two agencies (Pacific Clinics and VA Health Systems) provide $5,000 or more. Some agencies withhold for taxes, others do not. Some pay biweekly, some at different intervals. See *Field Placement Opportunities* in this *GSWEC Guide* and check with agencies for details regarding stipends.

While it is our goal to have GSWEC students work in geriatric social work after graduation, there currently is no employment obligation incurred. However, GSWEC agencies are always eager to hire GSWEC graduates!

**Are GSWEC students eligible for CAL-SWEC II Mental Health stipends?**

Jewish Family Service has two GSWEC placements and Pacific Clinics has four GSWEC placements that meet the criteria for CAL-SWEC II Mental Health stipend. If you receive the CAL-SWEC II Mental Health stipend it will be in lieu of the GSWEC stipend.

**How can I apply for GSWEC?**

1. Obtain an application from the GSWEC liaison at your campus.
2. Attend the **GSWEC Orientation on March 6, 2013 at the time designated by your university** at Huntington Hospital to learn more about GSWEC and placement opportunities.
3. Submit the GSWEC Application to your campus GSWEC Liaison by your School’s deadline date.
4. Arrange interviews with GSWEC agencies that interest you.

**Can I interview at more than one GSWEC agency/site?**  Yes, you can. Most GSWEC sites require an interview but some hold an Open House instead. Before you schedule site interviews you should review the *GSWEC Guide* to get basic information about agencies and sites, and make a preliminary phone call to get more information about placement opportunities. This will help you more effectively focus your placement search.

**What does GSWEC look for when selecting Applicants?**

- Students who have a respect for older adults
- Students who have a desire to work with and on behalf of the aging population
- Students with leadership qualities

**What are Site-Specific Requirements?**  Specific requirements vary among placement sites, such as fingerprinting, physical exam, specific language fluency or U.S. Citizenship. Many also require an on-site interview. See *Field Placement Opportunities* in this *GSWEC Guide*, and check with agency for details.

**What should I take with me to the agency interview?**  You should take a copy of your GSWEC application and your resume. Also remember that a professional appearance will help you present a positive image.

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GSWEC Field Placement Opportunities

2013/2014
Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:
Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. We are the world leader in Alzheimer’s support and research. We provide information and referral, education, care consultation and supportive services for families and influences public policy changes.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:
• Planning and marketing educational events and materials for community caregivers and professionals
• Program development, implementation, and evaluation of innovative programs for caregivers, professionals and people with dementia
• Public policy and advocacy
• Support group and educational work with people in the early stage of the disease and their partners
• Care consultation with caregivers to assess need, develop care plans and follow up
• Provide caregiver assessment for people undergoing memory loss/cognitive evaluations
• Provide care planning recommendations in clinic and participate in consensus conferences
• Participate in family conferences and provide information and referrals

Number of Placement Slots: 3  Primary Focus of Practice: Macro, Micro & Mezzo

Stipend: $4,000   (taxes will not be withheld, but student earnings will be reported)

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:
Field Instructors:
Cathy Ladd, MSW, Alzheimer’s Association (Initial contact person)
Phone: (323) 930-6213         Email: Cathy.Ladd@alz.org

Agency Requirements:
► Site Interview Required: Contact Cathy Ladd
► Valid CA Driver’s License and Auto Insurance
► Mandatory Agency Orientation
► Criminal Background Check

Language fluency in Spanish required for Greater East Los Angeles and Rancho site
Preferred at Wilshire site, but not required

www.alz.org/SoCal
Placement Site: Beach Cities Health District Community Care Services Department
514 N. Prospect Ave, 3rd Floor
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Agency’s Mission and Focus of Internship:

- Beach Cities Health District is a dynamic public health agency serving the 115,000 residents of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach through a wide range of innovative health and wellness programs that promote healthy lifestyles, physical health and fitness, and emotional balance.
- Community Care Services provides services to improve the quality of life and maintain the independence of older and disabled beach cities residents. These include confidential home visits and assessments, links to health and community services and advocacy, ongoing contact and care plans, fitness and wellness programs, support services including peer counseling, errand volunteers, caregiver support groups and evidence-based educational programs on age-related issues.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:

- In-home biopsychosocial assessments and reassessments with older adult clients
- Formulate client care plans and arrange and supervise client services according to the care plan
- Care management and individual counseling
- Learning to provide client advocacy, networking and resource development
- Opportunity to work with volunteers
- Macro projects will be identified per student interest. Opportunities include program development and program evaluation.

Number of Placement Slots: 4 Primary Focus of Practice: Micro/Macro

Stipend: $4,000

Primary Contact for Site Interview and Questions:

Field Instructor: Kerianne Lawson, LCSW, MSG, Community Care Services Manager
(310) 374-3426, ext. 133
kerianne.lawson@bchd.org

Agency Requirements:

Site interview required: Contact Kerianne Lawson
- Valid CA Driver’s License
- Auto Insurance
- Insurable Driving Record
- TB Test
- Criminal Background check
- Mandatory Agency Orientation
Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:
Senior Care Network serves older and disabled adults and their caregivers to “Maximize the wellness and independence of adults in our community”. Our mission is to help persons avoid institutionalization.

The internship will teach you the full range of clinical skills applicable to social work in any setting and will give you a firm knowledge of Geriatric Assessment and the needs of older adults. Clients may be older adults and/or their significant others. Client services are provided to clients in their home under the auspices of Medi-Cal Waiver case management programs and programs that serve clients in assisted living facilities. Working to assist clients transitioning back to home following in-patient hospitalization is an emerging service the agency is developing, providing an opportunity for both micro and macro work.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:
- Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment
- Assessment of cognition & mental status
- Assessment of illness & its impact on life functioning
- Psychotherapeutic interventions with individuals & their significant others
- Working with a range of health care disciplines
- Learning to provide client advocacy, networking, and resource development
- Developing knowledge of public benefits and other resources available to disabled and older adults
- Opportunity to participate in program development projects undertaken by the agency

Number of Placement Slots: 4

Primary Focus of Practice: Micro

Stipend: $4,000.00 (taxes will not be withheld)

Primary Contact for Site Interview and Questions: Chris Garcia

Field Instructor: Chris Garcia, LCSW
Phone: (626) 397-3110 x4445
Email: chris.garcia@huntingtonhospital.com

Agency Requirements:
- Site Interview Required: Contact Chris Garcia
- Valid CA Driver’s License  ☒  Auto Insurance  ☒
- Satisfactory Physical Exam  ☒  TB Test  ☒
- Language fluency in ________________________
- Insurable Driving Record
- Mandatory Agency Orientation
- Criminal Background check
Jewish Family Service

Placement Site: Valley Storefront Senior Center
12821 Victory Boulevard
North Hollywood, CA 91606

Agency’s Mission and Focus of Internship:
Founded in 1854, the mission of Jewish Family Service is to strengthen and enhance individual, family and community life by providing a wide range of services at every stage of the life cycle, with an emphasis on disadvantaged populations. The agency is especially renowned for its many programs that serve older adults and their families. The Valley Storefront Senior Center has been serving seniors in the San Fernando Valley since 1978. The Center’s services include individual, family and group counseling, case management, information and referral, a senior nutrition site, and an array of recreational, fitness and educational activities for older adults.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:

- Comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment
- Case management
- Individual counseling
- Facilitation of a supportive therapy group
- Consultation to seniors and families, and linkages to community resources
- Macro practice activities such as program development and community outreach
- Weekly clinical staff meetings
- Agency wide social work practice seminars for interns

Number of Placement Slots: 1

Primary focus of Practice: Micro

Stipend: $4000

Primary Contact for Site Interview:
Field Instructor: Karen W. Leaf, LCSW, Director
Phone: 818-984-1380 Email: kleaf@jfsla.org

Agency Requirements:

- Site Interview Required
- Valid CA Driver’s License and Auto Insurance
- Live Scan fingerprinting/Criminal Background check
- Mandatory Agency Orientation

www.jfsla.org
Placement Site: Freda Mohr Multi-Purpose Center
330 N. Fairfax Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Agency Mission and Focus of Internship:
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Field Placement experience and skill development will include:
• Comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment
• Case management and Individual Counseling
• Consultation to seniors and their families, and linkages to community resources
• Macro practice opportunities including program development, outreach, and participation in cutting edge support program in a naturally occurring retirement community (NORC)
• Agency wide social work practice seminars for interns

Number of Placement Slots: 1  Primary Focus of Practice: Micro

Stipend: $4000

Primary Contact for Site Interview:
Field Instructor: Claudia Colmer, MSW
Phone: 323-937-5900     Email: ccolmer@jfsla.org

Agency Requirements:
► Site Interview Required
► Valid CA Driver’s License and Auto Insurance
► Live Scan fingerprinting/Criminal Background check
► Mandatory Agency Orientation

www.jfsla.org
Jewish Family Service

Placement Site: Field Capable Clinical Services  
12821 Victory Boulevard  
North Hollywood, CA 91606

This site meets criteria for student to apply for the CALSWEC II Mental Health stipend

Agency’s Mission and Focus of Internship:
Founded in 1854, the mission of Jewish Family Service is to strengthen and enhance individual, family and community life by providing a wide range of services at every stage of the life cycle, with an emphasis on disadvantaged populations. The agency is especially renowned for its many programs that serve older adults and their families. The Field Capable Clinical Services Program is a Department of Mental Health contracted program serving older adults with mental illness through provision of psychotherapy and case management. The services are provided to the clients in their home or other community setting.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:
• Diagnostic assessment using the DSM IV—TR
• Individual psychotherapy
• Treatment Planning
• Clinical Documentation meeting Department of Mental Health standards
• Agency wide social work practice seminars for interns

Number of Placement Slots:  2             Primary Focus of Practice:  Micro

Stipend: $4000
**This placement qualifies the student to apply for CALSWEC II Mental Health Stipend. If student receives this stipend, it would be in lieu of the $4000 agency stipend.

Primary Contact for Site Interview:
Field Instructor: Karen W. Leaf, LCSW  
Phone: 818-432-5025    Email: kleaf@jfsla.org

Agency Requirements:
▶ Site Interview Required  
▶ Valid CA Driver’s License and Auto Insurance  
▶ Live Scan fingerprinting/Criminal Background check  
▶ Mandatory Agency Orientation

www.jfsla.org
Placement Site:
    Center on Aging/Age Well
    Elder Connection Program
    23388 Mulholland Drive
    Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:

The Motion Picture and Television Fund’s mission is “to enrich the lives of people in our Southern California entertainment community by continuously evolving to meet their health and human services needs. We are dedicated to offering programs and charitable services which are provided with compassion and respect for the dignity of the whole person.”

The Elder Connection internship offers the student an opportunity to learn clinical skills, assessment, and coordination of community resources for the geriatric population, their family and caregivers. Clinical services to help seniors “Age in Place” are provided through home visits in our case management program. Opportunities in various areas of program development are available for the macro part of the internship.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:

• Individual, couple and family therapy
• Case Management
• Cognitive Geriatric Assessments
• Coordination of disciplines and community resources
• Home visit evaluations to assess safety, isolation, and need for referrals to MPTF volunteer programs
• Intake
• Crisis Intervention
• Develop knowledge of resources for older adults and for those in entertainment industry
• Experience with the unique qualities and complexities of the entertainment community.
• Life Review with residents on MPTF residential facility
• Participation in palliative care program

Number of Placement Slots: 1

Primary Focus of Practice:
    Micro+Macro+Mezzo

Stipend: $ 4000.00 (state taxes are not withheld)

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:

Field Instructor: Jessica Caughey LCSW
Phone: 818-876-4017
Email: Jessica.caughey@mptvfund.org

Agency Requirements:
- [x] Site Interview Required:
- [x] Valid CA Driver’s License
- [x] Satisfactory Physical Exam
- [x] Auto Insurance
- [x] TB Test
- [x] Insurable Driving Record
- [x] Mandatory Agency Orientation
- [ ] Language fluency in __________________________
- [x] U.S. Citizenship Required

Motion Picture and Television Fund www.mptvfund.org
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- Individual, couple and family therapy
- Case Management
- Biopsychosocial assessments
- Coordination of disciplines and community resources
- Home visit evaluations to assess safety, isolation, and need for referrals to MPTF volunteer programs
- Intake
- Crisis Intervention
- Develop knowledge of resources for older adults and for those in entertainment industry
- Experience with the unique qualities and complexities of the entertainment community.
- Life Review

Number of Placement Slots: 2  Primary Focus of Practice: All (Micro+Macro+Mezzo)

Stipend: $ 4000.00

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:
Field Instructor: Renee Feiger, LCSW Project Manager
Phone: 323-634-3883  Email: renee.feiger@mptvfund.org

Agency Requirements:
- Site Interview Required
- Valid CA Driver’s License and Auto Insurance
- Satisfactory Physical Exam and TB Test
- Mandatory Agency Orientation

Motion Picture and Television Fund www.mptvfund.org
This site meets CALSWEC II Mental Health stipend criteria.

**Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:**
Older Adult Program provides culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services for older adults with serious mental illness. Typical diagnoses are depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and psychotic disorders. Services are provided at the Center, and in home and community settings in western San Gabriel Valley and surrounding cities. Nearly half the clients speak Spanish or Armenian. Student fluency in one of these languages is very helpful but not required.

**Field Placement experience and skill development** include:
- Working as part of an interdisciplinary team, in the Center and in home and field settings
- Outreach and engagement with referred older adults and their families
- Completing comprehensive Biopsychosocial Assessments
- Formulating complete five-axis DSM IV diagnosis and coordinated care plan
- Providing recovery-oriented psychotherapy, rehabilitation and skill building activities with individuals and groups
- Providing case management, referral and linkage to needed services and benefits
- Crisis intervention
- Clinical documentation meeting Dept of Mental Health standards
- Participation in trainings and case review seminars on administrative procedures, therapeutic issues and interventions provided for all Pacific Clinics Interns
- Community outreach and education with agencies and groups

**Number of Placement Slots:** 2  
**Primary Focus of Practice:** Micro

**Stipend:** $5,000  (taxes will be withheld)

**Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:**
Field Instructor: Theresa Destito, LCSW, Older Adult Program Director  
Phone: 626-441-4221, ext 1-112  
Email: Tdestito@pacificclinics.org

**Agency Requirements:**
- Site Interview Required: Contact Theresa Destito (see above)
- Valid CA Driver’s License and satisfactory DMV driving record
- Auto Insurance
- Satisfactory Physical Exam and TB Test
- Full Day Mandatory Agency Orientation

Language fluency in Spanish or Armenian helpful but not required.

[www.pacificclinics.org](http://www.pacificclinics.org)
Pacific Clinics

Placement Site: Oasis Program, Asian Pacific Family Center (APFC)
9353 E. Valley Blvd.
Rosemead, CA  91770

This site meets CALSWEC II Mental Health stipend criteria.

Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:
OASIS provides culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services for low-income Chinese-American and Vietnamese-American older adults with serious mental illness. Typical diagnoses are depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and psychotic disorders. Services are provided at the Center and in home and community settings in western and central San Gabriel Valley. Most clients speak Cantonese, Mandarin or Vietnamese. Student must be fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin or Vietnamese.

Field Placement experience and skill development include:
• Working as part of an interdisciplinary team, in the Center and in home and field settings
• Outreach and engagement with referred older adults and their families
• Completing comprehensive Biopsychosocial Assessments
• Formulating complete five Axis DSM IV diagnosis and coordinated care plan
• Providing recovery-oriented psychotherapy, rehabilitation and skill building activities with individuals and groups
• Providing case management, referral and linkage to needed services and benefits
• Crisis intervention
• Clinical documentation and outcomes data meeting Dept of Mental Health standards
• Community outreach and education with agencies and groups
• Participation in a series of trainings and case review seminars on administrative procedures, therapeutic issues and interventions are provided for all Pacific Clinics Interns

Number of GSWEC slots: 1

Primary Focus of Practice: Micro

Stipend: $5,000  (taxes will be withheld)

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:
Field Instructor: Anne Wong, LCSW, OASIS Program Director
Phone: 626-287-2988                   Email: Awong@pacificclinics.org

Agency Requirements:
► Site Interview Required: Contact Anne Wong (see above)
► Valid CA Driver’s License and satisfactory DMV driving record
► Auto Insurance
► Satisfactory Physical Exam and TB Test
► Full Day Mandatory Agency Orientation
► Language fluency in Cantonese, Mandarin or Vietnamese Required

www.pacificclinics.org
This site meets CALSWEC II Mental Health stipend criteria.

**Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:**
The Older Adult Full Service Partnership Programs at Pacific Clinics/Portals Division provide intensive recovery-oriented outpatient, in-home and in-community mental health services for low-income older adults with serious mental illness. Services are provided in Central and South Los Angeles. Many of the clients are or have been homeless, with co-occurring substance abuse and many unmet health care and social services needs. Typical diagnoses are depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety disorders and psychotic disorders. Fluency in Spanish is desired but not required.

**Field Placement experience and skill development** will include:
- Working as part of an interdisciplinary team, in the Center and in home and field settings
- Outreach and engagement with referred older adults and their families
- Completing comprehensive Biopsychosocial Assessments
- Formulating complete five Axis DSM IV diagnosis and coordinated care plan
- Providing recovery-oriented psychotherapy, rehabilitation and skill building activities with individuals and groups
- Providing case management, referral and linkage to needed services and benefits
- Crisis intervention
- Clinical documentation and outcomes data meeting Dept of Mental Health standards
- Community outreach and education with agencies and groups
- Participation in a series of trainings and case review seminars on administrative procedures, therapeutic issues and interventions are provided for all Pacific Clinics Interns

**Number of GSWEC slots:** 1

**Primary Focus of Practice:** Micro  
**Stipend:** $5,000 (taxes will be withheld)

**Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:**
Field Instructor: Slettie M. Jones, LCSW, CSW-G  
Phone: (562) 949-8455  
Email: sjones@pacificclinics.org

**Agency Requirements:**
- Site Interview Required: Contact Slettie M. Jones (see above)
- Valid CA Driver’s License and satisfactory DMV driving record
- Auto Insurance
- Satisfactory Physical Exam and TB Test
- Full Day Mandatory Agency Orientation

Language fluency in Spanish desired but not required.

[www.pacificclinics.org](http://www.pacificclinics.org) and [www.PortalsHouse.org](http://www.PortalsHouse.org)
Pacific Clinics

Placement Site: Older Adult Program
11721 Telegraph Road
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

This site meets CALSWEC II Mental Health stipend criteria.

Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:
Older Adult Program provides culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services for older adults with serious mental illness. Typical diagnoses are depression, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and psychotic disorders. Services are provided primarily in the community of Santa Fe Springs and surrounding cities. Many of the clients speak Spanish. Student fluency in Spanish is very helpful but not required.

Field Placement experience and skill development include:
• Working as part of an interdisciplinary team, in the Center and in home and field settings
• Outreach and engagement with referred older adults and their families
• Completing comprehensive Biopsychosocial Assessments
• Formulating complete five Axis DSM IV diagnosis and coordinated care plan
• Providing recovery-oriented psychotherapy, rehabilitation and skill building activities with individuals and groups
• Providing case management, referral and linkage to needed services and benefits
• Crisis intervention
• Clinical documentation meeting Dept of Mental Health standards
• Participation in trainings and case review seminars on administrative procedures, therapeutic issues and interventions provided for all Pacific Clinics Interns
• Community outreach and education with agencies and groups

Number of Placement Slots: 2
Primary Focus of Practice: Micro

Stipend: $5,000 (taxes will be withheld)

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:
Field Instructor: Linda Skale, LCSW, Older Adult Program Director
Phone: 562-801-0318 Email: Lskale@pacificclinics.org

Agency Requirements:
► Site Interview Required: Contact Linda Skale (see above)
► Valid CA Driver’s License and satisfactory DMV driving record
► Auto Insurance
► Satisfactory Physical Exam and TB Test
► Full Day Mandatory Agency Orientation

Language fluency in Spanish helpful but not required.

www.pacificclinics.org
Partners in Care Foundation

Placement Site: Partners in Care Foundation
732 Mott Street, Ste 150, San Fernando, CA 91340

Programs: Advanced Care Management
Disease Prevention Health Promotion
Family Care Partnership
Health Innovation Program Center

Agency’s Mission and Focus of Internship:
Partners in Care changes the shape of health care by creating high-impact, innovative ways of bringing evidence-based clinical and social service programs to people and communities. Partners is unique in two ways: we are both a think-tank and a proving ground. Our direct services test, measure, refine and replicate innovative programs and services, and bring needed care to diverse populations. This is a micro/macro internship focusing on developing, implementing and managing innovative health prevention programs. There is also opportunity for counseling individual clients.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:
- Participating as part of a Partners’ interdisciplinary team working in senior centers, senior housing and other sites
- Project implementation
- Program evaluation
- Interface with government and private funders
- Participation in marketing, outreach and networking to support program goals
- Development of innovative presentations
- Deliver educational presentations in community-based sites
- Providing individual clinical counseling to agency clients
- Psychosocial assessments, home visits, and case management

Number of Placement Slots: 4 Primary Focus of Practice: Micro/Macro

Stipend: $4,000 (taxes will not be withheld)

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:
Field Instructor: TBD
Phone: Email:

Agency Requirements:
- Site Interview Required: Contact Etta McCurry at (818) 837-3775, x-110 / emccurry@picf.org
- Valid CA Driver’s License
- Auto Insurance
- Insurable Driving Record

www.picf.org
SCAN Health Plan

Placement Site: SCAN Health Plan
3800 Kilroy Airport Way, Suite 100
Long Beach, CA 90806

Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:
SCAN is a not-for-profit Medicare Advantage Plan. Serving over 90,500 members in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Ventura, Kern, San Bernardino, San Diego, and areas of Northern California. SCAN offers comprehensive health care plus geriatric enhanced health management programs for our most fragile members.

At SCAN, our mission is to continue to find innovative ways to enhance seniors’ ability to manage their health and to continue to control where and how they live. Our focus is to maximize the senior’s ability to remain independent. SCAN offers the GSWEC intern a breadth of experiences with the senior population, within a non-profit environment. These opportunities include case management within multiple programs, program planning and development, personal interaction and care planning, and continued interfacing with other clinical disciplines.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:
• Opportunity to conduct telephonic assessments and observe in-home assessments process.
• Exposure to the development of comprehensive care plans for qualifying members.
• Knowledge of community resources and continuum of care for older adults.
• Participate in developing programs in collaboration with other health care management programs.
• Assist in the development of training programs in case management.
• Develop and provide interventions such as fall prevention, medication management, self-care, and end-of-life planning.
• Exposure to interdisciplinary meetings.

Number of Placement Slots: 4
Primary Focus of Practice: Marco

Stipend: $4,000
Exclusions: Does not accept Federal Work Study Contract

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:
Field Instructor: Kimberley Johnson
Phone: (562) 637-7312
Email: kjohnson@scanhealthplan.com

Agency Requirements:
► Site Interview Required: Contact Sandhi Ton (562) 637-7311
► Valid CA Driver’s License
► Auto Insurance
► Insurable Driving Record
► U.S. Citizenship
► Mandatory Agency Orientation

www.scanhealthplan.com
Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

Placement Sites:
- Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center 351 East Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center 16111 Plummer St. Sepulveda, CA 91343
- West Los Angeles Healthcare Center 11301 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90073

Agency’s Mission and Focus Of Internship:
The VA offers a rich experience for students including clinical care, research and education. We provide primary, tertiary inpatient and ambulatory care (acute, sub-acute, rehabilitation, extended care), mental health services, adult day healthcare, community residential care, home healthcare, homeless services, spinal cord, nursing home, geriatric medicine, geropsychiatry, neurobehavior, and substance abuse treatment, all with an interdisciplinary team focus.

Field Placement experience and skill development will include:
- Individual/group therapy
- Brief Interventions/Long term therapy
- Coordination of care/ Advance care planning
- Rehabilitation treatment
- Discharge planning/Case management
- Research/Program development/ Patient education
- Interdisciplinary meetings/ Team training
- Home visits, assessments and case management
- Palliative/Hospice Care clinical management
- Psychosocial assessments
- Crisis Intervention

Number of Placement Slots: 9  Primary Focus of Practice: Micro/Macro/Mezzo

Stipend: $6,487.00 (taxes will be withheld)

Primary contact for Site Interview and Questions:
Field Instructor: Martha S. Waite, MSW, LCSW
Phone: 818 895-9596 Email: marti.waite@va.gov

Agency Requirements:
- Site Interview Required: Contact Martha S. Waite, MSW, LCSW
- Valid ID
- Satisfactory Physical Exam and TB test
- U.S. Citizenship
- Mandatory Agency Orientation

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