

Emergency Outreach and Trauma Response Program Internship Guidelines

Students enrolled in Master's level programs in mental health counseling or social work can apply for internships at Crisis Services' Emergency Outreach and Trauma Response Program. A placement in the Emergency Outreach and Trauma Response Program offers experience working in a short-term, crisis capacity with adults with serious mental illness and lethality.

What are the qualities and traits of the appropriate and ideal candidate?

- Possess a strong desire to work with clients who are diagnosed with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).
- Possess the ability to think quickly, work in a fast-paced environment and enjoy variety.
- Possess a wish to develop strong clinical skills, professional identity and theoretical orientation.
- Professional, assertive, personable and have knowledge of and ability to use basic counseling skills.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team.
- Helpful to have knowledge of trauma-informed care and the impact of trauma on individuals.

Below are specific program guidelines to apply for an internship.

University at Buffalo School of Social Work

Those interested should inquire with the UB School of Social Work's Field Education Office. Interviews are arranged directly between UB and the Program Coordinator.

All Clinical Mental Health Counseling programs

- Students must commit to 15-18 hours per week on a set schedule.
- Students with daytime availability are given priority. Evening and weekend hours are extremely limited and cannot be guaranteed in any form.
- Letters of Interest and resumes are accepted year round; however due to space limitations and commitments to other training programs, mental health counseling internships ONLY begin in September.
- Due to the intense training and resources required in training students, we can only accept students for the full duration of a program's practicum and internship hours. As an example, if the program requires 100 hours for practicum and 600 hours for internship for a total of 700 hours, we would only be able to consider students who are able to commit to the either full 700 hours or 600 internship hours being completed in the Emergency Outreach and Trauma Response Program. We cannot accept practicum only students.

Spots are extremely limited! Placement Coordinators, Field Educators and students interested, should contact Tracie Bussi, LMSW, Program Coordinator, Emergency Outreach and Trauma Response at tbussi@crisisservices.org.