



Emergency Mental Health Response Services Masters Level Internship Program

Mobile Outreach Program

Interns Accepted: Masters of Social Work, Masters of Mental Health Counseling *

Mobile Transitional Support Program

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*Types of interns that can be accepted at any given point may fluctuate, due to the availability of managers/staff that can provide supervision.

Internship Guidelines

Students enrolled in the above education programs can apply for internships in the various EMHRS programs. A placement in the Emergency Mental Health Response Services 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 internship 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 and work in a fast-paced environment.
- Possess a wish to develop strong clinical skills, professional identity, and theoretical orientation.
- Professional, assertive, and personable
- Possess knowledge of, and ability to use, basic engagement and 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.

How should a potential intern apply?

University at Buffalo School of Social Work – Those interested should inquire with the UB School of Social Work's Field Education Office and follow the school's established



placement procedure. Interviews are arranged directly between UB and the Program Director.

All Clinical Mental Health Counseling Programs – Students must commit to 15-18 hours per week on a set schedule and students with daytime availability are given priority. Evening and weekend hours are extremely limited and cannot be guaranteed at some times. Letters of Interest and resumes are accepted year round, but spaces often fill up 6-12 months in advance. 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. Unfortunately, we cannot accept practicum-only students.

Current Available Internships:

Mobile Outreach Program: Currently accepting applications for [Spring 2020](#) and later.

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Spots are extremely limited! Placement Coordinators and interested students should contact Tracie Bussi, LMSW, Program Director, Emergency Mental Health Response Services at tbussi@crisisservices.org.