

"I learned to be patient and to identify the positive aspects of my mistakes. In general, I truly think that I'm a better professional and person after this excellent experience." —Manuel C.

Mission

The mission of the Student Internship Program is to provide an enriched clinical training experience focusing on building clinical and cultural competency for students preparing for a career in behavioral health. The County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services Department prides itself in its ongoing commitment to training clinicians with a foundation based on the concepts of the Mental Health Services Act.



Participating Programs

For Academic Year 2020

Downtown Behavioral Health Clinic

1075 E. Santa Clara St., San José

This is an outpatient clinic that provides rehabilitation and counseling, case management, and medication services for adults with severe mental illness.

Office of Supportive Housing (OSH) Homeless Team

3180 Newberry Dr., San José

The Office of Supportive Housing (OSH) is tasked with ending chronic homelessness. OSH's efforts focus primarily on the provision of permanent supportive housing and intensive case management to achieve this goal. This setting is ideally suited to MSW students with interests in both macro and micro social work.

Las Plumas Behavioral Health Clinic

1650-K Las Plumas Ave., San José

This is an outpatient mental health clinic that serves children, adolescents, and families. Las Plumas provides you with the opportunity to work with Juvenile Probation and Social Services while providing services to youths and their families.



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Student Internship Program—MSW

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Program Description

The County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services Department's award winning Student Intern Program is dedicated to training students in both clinical and community work in a public behavioral health setting.

The fundamental concepts that direct all services in the department are founded in the six Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) General Standards (WIC § 5813.5(d); 9 CCR § 3320):

1. **Community Collaboration**
2. **Cultural Competence**
3. **Client Driven**
4. **Family Driven**
5. **Wellness, Recovery, and Resilience Focused**
6. **Integrated Service Experience**



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Why Us?

The BHSD Student Intern Program provides you with highly desirable skills and experiences that will prepare you for a successful career.

Program Benefits

The Student Intern Program is renowned throughout the clinical delivery sector for its quality of training and experience.

The program offers support for your growth as a professional via/through:

- Exposure and consultation on delivery of evidence based practices.
- Onsite emotionally available and highly skilled supervisors.
- Respect for your unique contributions and your own learning style.
- Manageable challenges to help you find your clinical edge without feeling overwhelmed.

Training Benefits

- Knowledgeable and experienced supervisors
- Reflective Practice consultations
- Diverse placement opportunities
- Individual and group supervision
- Evidence based clinical trainings

As a county intern you will integrate into the department's multidisciplinary teams which gives you the opportunity to have an enriched experience as you share ideas with professionals of other disciplines.

Online Resources

CalSWEC (California Social Work Education Center)
<https://calswec.berkeley.edu/>

California Society for Clinical Social Work
<https://www.clinicalsocialworksociety.org/>

Council on Social Work Education
www.cswe.org

California Board of Behavioral Sciences
www.bbs.ca.gov

National Association of Social Workers
www.socialworkers.org

National Association of Social Workers—California Chapter
www.naswca.org

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