

MSW Field Practicum Application
Milwaukee Veterans Affairs Healthcare System

Academic Year 2021-2022

Student Name _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

School Attending _____

Number of Semesters placed needed _____

Total Hours Needed _____

Number of Previous Internships (Undergrad included) _____

Previous internships _____

Interested only in clinical placement yes _____ no _____

Initialing below indicates you accept the practicum expectations and will adhere to them if selected for the internship.

_____ I am a MSW student intending to graduate by August 31, 2022.

_____ I will be available for mandatory seminar every Wednesday afternoon through 3 pm.

_____ I understand I will be excused from seminar only for acute injury/illness of myself or of someone for whom I have caregiving responsibility, or other unavoidable circumstance(s).

Excused absences are approved by the seminar facilitator.

_____ I understand I will adhere to an established practicum schedule which is overseen by a preceptor/field instructor. Excused absences are approved by the preceptor/field instructor for acute injury/illness of myself or for a person for whom I have caregiving responsibility.

_____ I agree to adhere to the pre-established field practicum schedule.

Setting Preferences

Review the available practice settings on pages 2-4. Please rank your preferred settings with one (1) being the most preferred setting. Please make at least one choice and no more than two choices.

1) _____

2) _____

Please attach a resume.

Send the completed application and resume to Latia.Russell@va.gov not later than Friday April 2, 2021.

Field Practicum Settings Available:

Primary-Care Mental Health Integration (PC-MHI) and Outpatient Mental Health (Suicide Prevention) Locations available: Appleton

The social work student will experience a shared field practicum between PC-MHI and Suicide Prevention. The PC-MHI program focuses on serving Veterans within the Primary Care setting. The social work student will conduct brief assessments and provide short-term psychotherapy for Veterans with a range of presenting problems, including mild-moderate mental health & behavioral concerns. The Suicide Prevention program offers a field practicum focusing on the management of Veterans at risk for suicide. Responsibilities may include but are not limited to: community outreach, responding to Veterans Crisis Line calls, facilitating crisis-oriented interventions, and providing frequent supportive contact by phone.

Required practicum: Monday and Wednesdays

Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO)

Location: Green Bay

The VJO social worker enrolls, assesses biopsychosocial functioning, clinically screens, refers Veterans for behavioral health care, primary care or providing other community-based options. VJO social workers also provide brief clinical treatment and discharge planning, and document care. The VJO social worker facilitates ongoing access to care with other VHA staff and community partners. A VJO social worker facilitates access to the continuum of VA Health Care services. Focus areas may include but are not limited to:

- Collaborative Treatment Courts/Veteran Courts
- Jail Outreach
- Education and Police Training
- Partner and Stakeholder Development
- Program Development

Acute Medicine

Location available: Milwaukee

Acute medicine is a fast-paced inpatient medical social work practice setting which addresses a range of biopsychosocial challenges. The acute medicine setting exposes students to assessments, care and discharge planning, and creative resourcing. Students complete comprehensive psychosocial assessments, care plans, measurement-based care, family meetings, advance care planning, and discharge planning.

Required practicum hours: Morning discharge rounds at 8:30 a.m.

Practicum hours available: Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Primary Care

Locations available: Milwaukee

Primary Care is an outpatient medical social work practice setting which addresses a broad range of Veteran physical and mental health life challenges. The biopsychosocial model is used to address these challenges. The Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model of care exposes students to interprofessional team collaboration. Primary Care social workers complete psychosocial assessments and care plans, participate in care coordination, facilitate VA and community care referrals, and provide crisis intervention. *Practicum hours available: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

Outpatient Mental Health

Locations available: Milwaukee

Outpatient MH Clinic provides acute assessment of mental health symptoms and provides individual and group psychotherapy. Practicum students observe clinical management, administrative, and supervision of a diverse interprofessional outpatient mental health program. Students observe and participate in interprofessional staff meetings in multiple programs, including: mental health access and intake, urgent care. *Required practicum days: Wednesdays*

Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PC-MHI)

Locations available: Milwaukee

Primary Care-Mental Health Integration serves Veterans in Primary Care. The PC-MH team includes psychologists, social workers, pharmacists (Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy Specialists), an RN, and a psychiatrist. The PC-MHI team also includes an interprofessional trainees: a psychology postdoctoral fellow, a pharmacy resident, a social work student, and a psychology practicum student. The PC-MHI team goal is to assist Primary Care practitioners manage common mental health concerns while facilitating referral to specialty mental health treatment as necessary. The team conducts brief assessments and short-term psychotherapy for primary care Veterans with a range of presenting problems, including mild-moderate depression, mild-moderate anxiety, insomnia, sub-syndromal PTSD, alcohol misuse, and other behavioral concerns (e. g., weight management, medical treatment adherence). *Required practicum days: Wednesdays*

Transitional Care/Geriatric Evaluation & Management (GEM) Inpatient Units

Location: Milwaukee

The Transitional Care and GEM offers a field practicum focusing on biopsychosocial problems of primarily geriatric population in an inpatient setting of the medical center's Community Living Center. The Transitional Care offers subacute care for Veterans with complicated psychosocial needs requiring intensive case management following hospitalization. GEM provides an interprofessional assessment and care planning to facilitate a Veteran's safe and healthy transition to the community. The experience

offers inpatient Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation experiences. Practicum students will work with Veterans experiencing wound care, IV antibiotics, rehabilitation, homelessness, discharge planning, and working with an interprofessional team assessing level of care, legal and financial readiness, pursuing guardians and long-term care. There are two preceptors available for this student.

Required practicum days: Mondays 1-3 p.m., Tuesday mornings, and Wednesdays all day.