Practicum/Internship Criteria and Requirements

Different universities and colleges have their own requirements for Practicum and Internships for Graduate Students. In addition, Road to Recovery, has specific requirements of all its Clinical Interns and Practicum Graduate Students.

Desired criteria for selection:

1. A minimum of 384 to 480 hours (16 to 20 hours per week for at least 24 weeks) length of onsite practicum experience according to the requirements set by the degree/school. Preference is given to graduate students with a length of onsite practicum experience of 9 to 12 months.

2. Bilingual candidates, English/Spanish and English/Portuguese are given preference given their ability to provide clinical services to diverse linguistic and cultural populations.

3. Flexibility in scheduling practicum hours. Preference is given to graduate student interns able to work onsite afternoons and evenings from 2pm to 9pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 6pm.

4. Flexibility in traveling to multiple locations. Preference is given to graduate student interns able to travel to Gainesville, Lawrenceville, Forest Park and Smyrna in that particular order. Since most candidates are able to travel to our Atlanta and Sandy Springs facilities, those locations are reserved for candidates that meet most of the desired criteria.

5. Area of interest in clinical practice:
   a. Ability to engage in delivering counseling services to a caseload of people (patients/court mandated clients) for whom he/she is the clinician responsible for treatment.
   b. Ability to have direct client contact working with individual clients conducting clinical interviews, intakes, psychosocial evaluations, substance abuse evaluations, diagnosis, treatment recommendations and prognosis and also conducting individual psychotherapy.
c. Preference is given to graduate student interns with experience and/or interest in Behavioral Health and/or Substance Abuse of the requirements of the university coordinated practicum/internship seminar.

Road to Recovery’s basic requirements are:

- Adhere to the APA/NASW Professional Code of Ethics
- Adhere to the HIPPA Confidentiality Rules and Regulations
- Adhere to the RTR professional dress code
- Adhere to RTR policies regarding personal telephone calls, U.S. Mail and E-Mail
- Adhere to their respective Practicum work schedule hours
- Adhere to professional standards of time recording, attendance and punctuality
- Be courteous and respectful with all staff members as well as patients
- Demonstrate a sense of responsibility and commitment to the clinical practice
- Adhere and Follow the Graduate Student Internship Manual provided by RTR
- The ability to prepare well written documents that demonstrate the education level obtained

Interns are able to request permission (with appropriate signed consent) to audio tape their counseling sessions to be utilized in case presentations as part of their practicum experience.

Interns receive at least one hour of individual supervision per week with a licensed mental health professional (LPC, LMSW, LCSW, LMFT).

We appreciate your interest in becoming part of The Road to Recovery, the premier behavioral health practice in the state of Georgia!