

Behavioral Health Workforce Education & Training (BHWET) Field Stipend Program Application Packet

Overview

The Clinical Practice with Children and Youth Specialization (CPCYS) is designed to serve students interested in joining the behavioral health workforce serving children, adolescents, and transitional-age youth at risk for developing or who have developed a recognized behavioral health disorder in the St. Louis Metro Area. After graduation, students will be equipped to provide high quality, recovery-oriented and state-of-the-art evidence-based services to at-risk children and youth.

As a specialization within the Clinical Concentration, the Social Work Practice with Children and Youth specialty consists of 15 hours (9 hours of course work and six hours of practicum) taken as part of the 57 hours required for graduation from the MSW program. Required courses include: (1) SWRK 5761 Evidence-Based Clinical Practice with Children and Youth; (2) SWRK 5764 Child, Youth, and Family Services; and (3) SWRK5731/5732 Inter-professional Team Seminar Fall/Spring. Students choose one elective from a list of electives that include: (1) SWRK 5757 Foundations of Family Practice; (2) SWRK 5744 Substance Use Interventions; (3) SWRK 5773 Approaches to Trauma Care; (4) SWRK 5775 Trauma Services for Children and Adolescents; (5) SWRK 5760 Behavioral Interventions with Children and Adolescents; (6) SWRK 5742 Evidence-Based Practice in Community Mental Health. As part of the CPCYS, students complete a two-semester practicum at an approved field site. Practicum sites include well-respected inpatient psychiatric hospitals, outpatient behavioral health clinics, and residential treatment centers serving at-risk children and youth in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.

Students interested in participating in the CPCYS may apply for a field stipend of \$10,000 through the Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Grant (BHWET) received from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Field Stipend Eligibility Requirements

1. Students receiving stipends must have completed foundation and be in the last 6 to 12 months of their program. Students may substitute equivalent courses offered at other institutions pending the approval of the MSW Program Director and the Clinical Concentration Coordinating Committee.
2. Plan to *begin* their advanced clinical concentration-level field practicum at an approved CPCYS site during the Spring 2017, Summer 2017 or Fall 2017 semesters. Students beginning concentration-level field placements before or after these semesters are not eligible to apply. Please note that field stipends can only be disbursed while a student is in their advanced clinical concentration-level practicum (i.e. SWRK 5832 (Practicum II) and/or SWRK 5833 (Practicum III)).
3. Students applying for HRSA stipends must complete all Clinical Practice with Children and Youth Specialization (CPCYS) requirements. This includes the Inter-professional Team Seminar for Fall and Spring.
4. Students must be in good academic standing.

Please include the following materials with your application. Incomplete application packages will not be reviewed.

1. Completed *application form, course plan and assurance form* (pages 1-3).
2. A full *resume or CV*.
3. *2-3 letters of recommendation* that highlight the practice and/or academic strengths that make you a strong candidate for the clinical practice with children and youth specialization HRSA stipend program. Letters of recommendation can be included in a sealed envelope with your application package or can be sent by the recommender directly to Dr. Michael Mancini (address below).
4. *Letter of Intent*: In a 2 to 3 page cover letter describe: (1) how your background, interests and/or experiences have led you to pursue a career working with children, adolescents and/or transitional age youth at risk for behavioral health problems; (2) three goals that you have for your field placement working with the above population; and (3) your plan to pursue a behavioral health career working with children, adolescents, and/or transitional age youth at risk for developing or who have developed a recognized behavioral health disorder upon graduation.

Completed application packages should be received by Friday, October 14th 2016. Please mail applications to:

**Michael A Mancini
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315 Tegeler Hall
3550 Lindell Blvd.
Saint Louis, MO 63103**

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

Last

First

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Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

SLU E-mail Address: _____ Banner ID Number: _____

Please indicate your status by checking the appropriate box below:

Fulltime Advanced Standing

Fulltime traditional (2-year)

Part-time

Please indicate the semester & year you officially began the MSW Program (i.e. Fall 2015): _____

Please indicate when you plan to start your advanced concentration-level field placement?

Spring 2017

Summer 2017

Fall 2017

Please indicate the name of your advanced concentration level field placement site if known:

If you do not have a field site established, please indicate two field sites you plan to pursue for your concentration level field practicum (See list of pre-approved CPCYS Sites).

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Please indicate the semester (i.e. Fall, Spring, Summer) and year you anticipate graduating from the MSW Program? (i.e. Summer, 2017) _____

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COURSE PLAN

Please indicate how you plan to complete the requirements of the CPCY Specialization in the next 6 to 12 months by checking the appropriate box.

Required Courses for the CPCYS:

SWRK 5764: Child, Youth, and Family Services [Required]

Completed	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
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SWRK 5761: Evidence-Based Clinical Practice with Children and Youth [Required]

Completed	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2018
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SWRK 5731 (Fall Inter-professional Team Seminar) (No Cost/No Credit)

Completed	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
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SWRK 5732 (Spring Inter-professional Team Seminar) (No Cost/No Credit)

Completed	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2018
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Electives for the CPCYS (Choose two):

SWRK 5757: Foundations of Family Practice

Completed	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2018
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SWRK 5773: Approaches to Trauma Care

Completed	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
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SWRK5775: Trauma Services for Children and Adolescents

Completed	F all 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
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SWRK 5744: Substance Use Interventions

Completed	Spring 2017	Spring 2018
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SWRK 5760: Behavioral Interventions with Children and Adolescents

Completed	Spring 2017	Spring 2018
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SWRK 5742: Evidence-Based Practice in Community Mental Health

Completed	Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Fall 2018
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ASSURANCES FORM

Please initial that you have read and understand the following:

_____ The BHWET Field Stipend Program is a collaborative partnership between the student, the organization, the field instructor, HRSA, the Clinical Concentration Coordinating Committee (CCCC) and the School of Social Work. A student's submission of an application does not guarantee an opportunity to compete for or engage in a Clinical Practice with Children and Youth Specialization (CPCYS) practicum site. Students must follow all standard protocol for setting up field sites and are not afforded any special privileges or consideration when applying for these sites.

_____ Field practicum acquisition for the BHWET Field Stipend Program may be highly competitive. Students should be aware that even if accepted as an applicant that CPCYS partnering sites set their own preferences when selecting preapproved advanced year MSW students via interviews and final acceptance is at the will of the prospective field instructor by the field site.

_____ I understand that if awarded a field stipend that I may be asked to participate in additional training and mentoring activities as part of my field experience outside of the usual requirements of field. These may include in-service trainings, mentoring sessions and seminars or additional supervision.

_____ I understand that as an applicant I am required to abide by all field protocols, rules, regulations and requirements set forth by the School of Social Work Field Education Department as outlined in the SLU SSW Field Manual.

_____ I understand that I am required to complete all requirements of the Clinical concentration including all required courses and the inter-professional team seminar.

_____ I understand that in order to qualify for a stipend I must be in the last 6 to 12 months of my program.

_____ I understand that stipends can only be used during a student's clinical concentration-level practicum (i.e. SWRK 5832 (Practicum II) and SWRK 5833 (Practicum III)).

_____ I understand that if awarded a BHWET field stipend that I am committed to completing the requirements of the CPCYS.

_____ I understand that if awarded a BHWET field stipend that I am committed to completing both semesters of the inter-professional team seminar.

Signature

Date

Print Name