



Social Work Internships

Our social work internships provide on-the-job experience in clinical social work to graduate students working toward an MSW or MSSW. This is meant to be an advanced field placement for students intending to pursue a career in clinical or psychiatric social work.

The Internship Experience

Interns learn about The Menninger Clinic's treatment philosophy, which seeks to provide the optimal healing environment for people suffering from mental illness. This includes a wellness or biopsychosocial model and an array of treatment modalities for individuals, families and groups.

Advanced or second-year graduate students are expected to devote three full days per week to the field placement. Interns receive intensive supervision, which includes "shadowing" their supervisor in team meetings, patient rounds, family sessions and with patients and staff in the treatment programs. Formal supervision is provided at a minimum of one hour per week. Interns also meet with other social workers and professionals on their interdisciplinary team throughout the academic year.

Interns interview patients and family members and develop psychosocial assessments. As appropriate, interns co-facilitate task-oriented groups. They may also be asked to work directly on discharge planning and continuity-of-care issues with patients and their families.

In addition, interns are encouraged to attend Psychiatric Grand Rounds, which are televised from Baylor College of Medicine, and to attend weekly Social Work discipline meetings.

Qualifications

A field placement at The Menninger Clinic is intended for second-year graduate students who have a mental health concentration or equivalent, along with a working familiarity of the *DSM-IV*. Interested graduate students should consult their school's field practicum office to see if there is a current affiliation agreement with The Menninger Clinic or to explore the possibility of developing one.