

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM INFORMATION

We anticipate offering 15 practicum placements annually for 2nd Year and advanced standing MSW students. These stipends will be distributed among students selected from all MSW programs affiliated with the VA Salt Lake City Health Care System. Whereas most placements are located in the Salt Lake City area, others may be available in Saint George, Orem, Ogden, Pocatello, or Idaho Falls.

MSW practicum positions come with a financial stipend, distributed throughout the first 500 hours of the practicum. The last 100 hours are considered volunteer hours and are not paid. The current stipend amount totals \$5840 or \$11.68/hour.

Expectations for practicum students at VA:

- Give 100% to the Veterans you serve, the VA and your assigned practicum area – follow through with assignments and responsibilities.
- Please consider the VA as your employer. Professional attire and behavior is expected.
- Be self-motivated.
- Attend all required trainings and student intern meetings.

Benefits from your VA practicum placement:

- Exceptional training and supervision while developing skills and abilities to successfully fulfill the role of a professional social worker in the workforce.
- Unique and challenging practicum opportunities.
- Experience within a large health care system and interdisciplinary treatment teams.
- Familiarity with the VA system, position duties, and key staff for networking & potential future job opportunities.

- Opportunity to give back by serving the Veterans who have served us.

Our practicum placements change from year to year. Current practicum assignments include:

- Psychosocial Recovery and Rehabilitation Center (PRRC)
- Salt Lake City Vet Center/Readjustment Counseling Services
- Provo Vet Center/Readjustment Counseling Services
- Outpatient Mental Health
- (2) Inpatient Psychiatric Unit (IPU)
- Homeless & Justice Clinical Recovery Program/ HUD VASH
- Community Nursing Home Program
- (2) Patient Aligned Care Team (Primary Care)
- Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (SARRTP)
- Specialty Medical Social Work
- Women's Health Services
- PTSD Team
- Suicide Prevention Team/DBT Team

Due to the high demand and limited openings for practicum placements at the VA, students are selected through an application and Performance-Based Interview (PBI) process conducted by members of the VA Social Work Student Education Workgroup. PBI content and scores are used to determine specific student placements. For more information about PBIs, please go to: <https://www.va.gov/PBI/index.asp>

We hope to see YOU at the VA!



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