

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site KLASS (Kids Learning about Social Skills)

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Description of the activities that occur at your site:

KLASS works with children and adolescents ages 6-19 who are already receiving community support services at Burrell. Clients who attend KLASS have emotional or behavioral challenges and are referred to the program for assistance with social skills development. There are generally 3-4 staff members present in each KLASS session, including the program coordinator. KLASSes are divided by age range and each group meets once a week for 90 minutes in the evening after clients are out of school.

Description of practicum students’ duties at your site:

Interns and volunteers in the program work directly with a small case-load of clients to help them learn and practice social skills. Interns and volunteers are also responsible for writing weekly progress notes to inform other service providers within Burrell of the clients’ progress in KLASS. This is an ideal internship or volunteer experience for those interested in working with children or youth or those who want to learn more about program development within social service institutions. Approximately 5-8 interns or volunteers are needed each semester for KLASS.

Type of population with which students would be working (e.g., adults, adolescents, children, physically challenged, cognitively challenged, etc.):

Children and adolescents age 6-19 with behavior and emotional disorders

Our Students

Undergraduates

KLASS has no specific requirements in regards to degree field, however it is beneficial if those interested be enrolled in or have completed behavioral sciences courses of some kind. It is preferred that an applicant's resume be emailed or faxed prior to scheduling an interview with the KLASS Coordinator. All staff must clear a background check through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, pass a TB Test, and submit a written statement from their advisor.

Graduate Students

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or sometime during their second year in the clinical track of our graduate psychology program. These students need direct service contact with clients, and also need weekly supervision from a licensed mental health professional. Is your site interested in working with our graduate students?

No, we are unable to offer supervision from a licensed mental health professional. However, if they are interested in participating as a volunteer, they are more than welcome to apply.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

Days and time of days on which you need practicum students:

(3:30pm-7:30pm), Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. In order to get direct client contact. Students can choose how many hours to work based on his or her need and schedule.

Is this a paid practicum? No

If yes, what is pay rate? N/A

What length of commitment (e.g., semester, three months, six months), do you expect from the student?

A semester long commitment, however yearlong commitments are also very beneficial. Usually internship begins first week of classes and goes until week after finals. We need help during the summer also.

Application Process

What is the preferred application process?

Roughly one month before the hiring process begins; the KLASS Coordinator will email professors with information about the opportunity. It is preferred that the student contact Sam Womack, KLASS Coordinator, directly instead of going through Burrell's HR Department. This makes the process go faster. Also, students should apply as soon as possible. (i.e., apply in October/early November for spring placement; March/early April for summer placement; & June/early July for fall placement). Contact me at samuel.womack@Burrellcenter.com. I do take late start students

Please provide any other information that would be useful in helping our students to make more informed choices:

This internship is ideal if a student wants direct contact with clients. Past students who have participated in the internship have ranged from having no prior experience to having several years. Training is provided, as well as additional learning seminars given through Burrell and partner services. Students wishing to volunteer in the program without receiving credit are also encouraged to apply.

Thank You!

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