

Missouri State University Practicum Site Questionnaire

Name of site Rare Breed Youth Outreach Center, a program of The Kitchen, Inc.

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Your Site

Description of the activities that occur at your site:

The Rare Breed Youth Outreach Center is dedicated to serving at-risk and homeless youth between the ages of 13-20. The Rare Breed operates by providing an array of services that are meant to empower homeless youth and transition them to be successful adults in the community. The “evolution” of services begins with street outreach, building relationships, basic needs assessments, having a safe place, identification needs, education, employment, and then into more intensive needs such as case management, mental health services, substance abuse, short-term, and long-term housing. The center has shower facilities; dinner served every night, recreation, laundry facilities, an art room, music room, lockers, and a gym. There are also homeless prevention services, survival aid, educational groups including but not limited to parenting, life skills, art education, and GED services and our Rare Breed housing program where homeless youth can transition from instability to stability with the assistance of case management, support staff, and educational services. The Rare Breed housing program consists of 23 apartment units in the community and the outreach center serves an average of 60-70 youth a night.

Description of practicum students’ duties at your site:

Work in cooperation with the Rare Breed staff to provide quality services to homeless and at-risk youth; this will include providing basic survival needs, education, and relationship building. The practicum staff will assist with data collection, data analysis, creation & implementation of groups, one-on-one mentoring, and development of policies and programming. The students may

also assist with daily activities and daily operation of center including reception, donation assortment, filing, and monitoring the center.

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

Homeless and at-risk youth between the ages of 13 and 20. Behavioral problems, cognitively challenged, mental health disorders, street/gang lifestyle, and substance abuse issues.

Our Students

Undergraduates

Our undergraduate students typically are juniors and seniors with 17-35 credit hours in Psychology. There are exceptions. If you have any special requirements for students who apply at your practicum site, please describe them.

No special requirements at this time.

Graduate Students

Our graduate students are students at the end of their first year or some time 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?

We would love to work with these students as we have the clientele that need their services, but we do not have a licensed mental health professional on staff to supervise students.

Hours, Pay, and Commitment

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

Is this a paid practicum? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is pay rate? _____

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

We are flexible in terms of length of commitment.

Application Process

What is the preferred application process (e.g., email/mail resume/schedule an appointment)?

Students may email resume and we will follow up to schedule a tour of our facilities.

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

Thank You!

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Thank you for your help in working with our students.

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