

Play Therapy Intern

Counseling interns must be currently enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program in Counseling, Counseling Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Marriage and Family Therapy, Social Work, or a similar program. Depending on the availability of supervision, we will also occasionally accept LPC-Interns and Post-Doctorates. **In order to see children under age 10, applicants must have had a masters level play therapy class at their University.**

Our Internship offers the student an opportunity to work with trauma survivors and/or abusers within a warm, supportive, and flexible environment. We offer the student the opportunity to tailor their internship experience to meet their own interests and gain diversity in experience. Opportunities include

The Application Process:

- **In order to see children under 10 applicants must have had a masters level play therapy class at their University.**
 - All other requirements are the same as for adult counseling interns.
 - Some interns take the course after they start their internship and can then see young children but would have to start out seeing older children and adults.
- Work with children, adolescents, & adults
- Individual and Group Therapy
- Play and Activity Therapy
- Work with trauma survivors
- Work with Batterers in our accredited Violence Intervention Program
- Work in both a non-residential and residential setting
- Exposure to the legal system through: court accompaniment, police accompaniment, witness preparation, etc.
- Experience working within a multidisciplinary team of psychologists, LPC's, social workers, legal advocates, and attorneys
- Crisis response/intervention
- Participation in community education and awareness events
- Flexible scheduling.
- Caring, professional atmosphere with accessible staff and peer support.
- A wide range of professional opportunities within several different programs.
- Quality supervision.
- Equipment available for videotaping and reviewing counseling sessions.
- Opportunity to gain experience in the dynamics of relationship violence and sexual assault and work with trauma survivors
- Opportunity to gain experience working within an interdisciplinary team and with other community agencies and available community resources

- Two full semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer)
- A minimum of 20 hours a week, with a minimum of 10-12 client contact hours
- Attend Group Supervision on Thursdays from 10a.m. to noon.
- One hour a week of on-site individual supervision.
- On-call crisis response availability for the Survivor's Advocacy Team (SAT)
- Scheduling is flexible, but all students are expected to work a minimum of one evening a week (Monday-Thursday until 8pm)
- Other requirements for specific activities such as:
 - Graduate level play therapy course before seeing young children
- Our internship/practicum program is fairly competitive, and preference is given to students from traditional state and non-profit accredited universities with accredited programs.
- Completion of previous practicum or at minimum supervised pre-practicum involving practicing of counseling skills
- Bilingual students fluent in Spanish
- Students who have taken a graduate course in play therapy
- For more information about becoming a counseling intern, you can contact Michelle Fox at michelle@dcfof.org.
- You will be asked to complete 3 forms: the standard Volunteer Application, the Counseling Internship Application Addendum, and the CAPS form. (Please note that the CAPS form needs to be notarized. We can notarize it for you or your bank will usually do this free of charge.)

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