



**GSWEC Student Field Guide
For 2nd Year Field Placements in 2023-2024**

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(Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium)

The GSWEC Student Field Guide was developed to assist social work graduate students interested in developing skills in and specializing in services for and with older adults and their families to select and participate in an eligible field placement.

GSWEC (Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium) is a collaboration among eight Graduate Schools of Social Work and fourteen community agencies specializing in services for older adults. It was established in 1999 to provide aging-focused 2nd year field placements and competency- driven geriatric social work field education. This guide includes:

GSWEC field placements are structured to provide social work graduate students with a well-rounded experience serving older adults.

The GSWEC Consortium Includes:

Southern California Graduate Schools of Social Work (8)

- Azusa Pacific University
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Northridge
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Southern California

Centers of Excellence in Geriatric Social Work Field Education (16):

- AltaMed
- Alzheimer's Los Angeles
- Alzheimer's Orange County
- Arosa Care
- Beach Cities Health District
- Huntington Health
- Jewish Family Service
- Motion Picture and Television Fund
- Pacific Clinics
- Partners in Care Foundation
- SCAN Health Plan
- Special Service for Groups/SILVER
- VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
- VA Loma Linda Healthcare System*
- VA Long Beach Healthcare System*
- WISE & Healthy Aging

*Opportunities at VA Long Beach and VA Loma Linda are in development as of 1/10/2022 (creation date of this document). For the latest information, an updated version of this guide is available at:

<https://www.gswecnow.org/internship-opportunities/>

GSWEC FAQs

What advantage is there for me to be in GSWEC?

- GSWEC is well recognized among employers and GSWEC alumni are sought after as employees.
- GSWEC students receive supplemental training in Geriatric Social Work, guided by nationally recognized geriatric social work competencies developed by GSWEC.
- GSWEC students experience micro, mezzo and macro practice.
- GSWEC students gain a broader field experience with Associate Site rotations.
- GSWEC students have opportunity to network with other GSWEC students and alumni.

What field placement settings does GSWEC offer?

GSWEC offers micro, mezzo and macro placement opportunities at its twelve Geriatric Centers of Excellence field agencies.

Placement settings include:

- Mental Health
- Health Care and Health Promotion
- Geriatric Care Management
- Adult Day Health Care
- Dementia Care and Caregiver Support
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Senior Services Administration
- Civic Engagement and Volunteerism

What is GSWEC's "Competency-Driven Education"?

GSWEC developed "Geriatric Social Work Competencies" as a foundation for geriatric field placement experiences. GSWEC Field Instructors and students use the competencies to identify the student's learning goals, and to provide the basis for learning assignments and assessment of the student's progress. The competencies emphasize geriatric social work values, knowledge, and skills encompassing micro-to macro-level practice in four general areas:

- Values, Ethics and Theoretical Perspectives
- Assessment
- Intervention
- Aging Services, Programs and Policies

What Are GSWEC's Geriatric Social Work Seminars?

All GSWEC students participate in three (3) free, full day Geriatric Social Work Seminars during the placement year. Seminar location may be virtual or in-person and local travel to other sites may be required. Seminars typically include presentations by, and discussions with, academic and professional experts, Field Instructors and GSWEC alumni. The seminars broaden students' learning and provide exposure to many facets of Geriatric Social Work. Topics vary from year to year, but typically include subjects such as:

- Biopsychosocial Aspects of Aging and Impact on Older Adults and Their Families
- Normal and Abnormal Cognitive Changes in Aging
- Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment of Older Adult Mental Health Issues
- Cultural and Age Cohort Diversity
- Older Adults and Substance Abuse
- Palliative and End of Life Care

Do GSWEC placements offer stipends?

Most GSWEC agencies provide stipends of \$4,000. Two agencies (Pacific Clinics and VA Health Systems) provide \$5,000 or more. Some agencies withhold for taxes, others do not. Some pay biweekly, some at different intervals. See the [Agency Program Descriptions](#) in this guide and check with agencies for details regarding stipends.

While it is our goal to have GSWEC students work in geriatric social work after graduation, there currently is no employment obligation incurred. However, GSWEC agencies are always eager to hire GSWEC graduates!

Are GSWEC students eligible for CAL-SWEC II Mental Health stipends?

Yes, if the GSWEC placements meet the criteria for CAL-SWEC II Mental Health stipend. If you receive the CAL-SWEC II Mental Health stipend it will be in lieu of the GSWEC stipend.

How can I apply for GSWEC?

1. Obtain an application from the GSWEC liaison at your campus.
2. Attend the GSWEC Open House on February 1, 2023 from 2:30-4:30pm virtually via Zoom to learn more about GSWEC and placement opportunities.
3. Submit the GSWEC Application to your campus GSWEC Liaison by your School's deadline.
4. Arrange interviews with GSWEC agencies that interest you.

Can I interview at more than one GSWEC agency/site?

Yes, you can — check with your School as to number of interviews allowed. Most GSWEC sites require an interview but some hold an Open House instead. Before you schedule site interviews you should review the GSWEC Guide to get basic information about agencies and sites and make a preliminary phone call to get more information about placement opportunities. This will help you more effectively focus your placement search.

What does GSWEC look for when selecting Applicants?

- Students who have a respect for older adults
- Students who have a desire to work with and on behalf of the aging population
- Students with leadership qualities

What are Site-Specific Requirements?

Specific requirements vary among placement sites, such as fingerprinting, physical exam, specific language fluency or U.S. Citizenship. Many also require an on-site interview. See Field Placement Opportunities in this GSWEC Guide and check with agency for details.

What should I take with me to the agency interview?

You should take a copy of your GSWEC application and your resume. Also remember that a professional appearance will help you present a positive image.

GSWEC Field Placement Opportunities 2023/2024

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- [AltaMed Health Services – PACE Program](#)
- [Alzheimer’s Los Angeles](#)
- [Alzheimer’s Orange County](#)
- [Arosa](#)
- [Beach Cities Health District](#)
- [Huntington Health Senior Care Network](#)
- [Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles – Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center](#)
- [Motion Picture and Television Fund – Elder Connection Program](#)
- [Motion Picture and Television Fund – Skilled Nursing Program](#)
- [Motion Picture and Television Fund – MPTF Innovation/Engagement](#)
- [Motion Picture and Television Fund – Palliative Care Program](#)
- [Pacific Clinics – Asian Pacific Family Center](#)
- [Pacific Clinics – Older Adult Services, PEI/FSP/FCCS](#)
- [Pacific Clinics, Portals Division Older Adult Services, SA 4](#)
- [Partners in Care Foundation – Community Wellness Department](#)
- [Partners in Care Foundation – Home and Community Based Alternatives](#)
- [Partners in Care Foundation – Multipurpose Senior Services Program](#)
- [SCAN Health Plan](#)
- [SCAN Health Plan – Independence at Home](#)
- [Special Services for Groups/Sustaining Independent Lives with Vital Empowering Resources](#)
- [VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Sepulveda Ambulatory Care and Community Living Center & West Los Angeles Healthcare Center](#)
- [VA Loma Linda Healthcare System](#)
- [VA Long Beach Healthcare System](#)
- [WISE and Healthy Aging – Adult Day Services](#)
- [WISE and Healthy Aging – Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team](#)
- [WISE and Healthy Aging – In Home Services/Care Management](#)
- [WISE and Healthy Aging – Long Term Care Ombudsman Program](#)

AltaMed Health Services – PACE Program

Various locations throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Corporate Office: 2040 Camfield Ave.

Commerce, CA 90040

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday-Friday, 8a-5p
Format of stipend	\$5000 –paid in 2 equal installments: end of first semester (early December), and end of last semester (late April)
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	No, virtual ok
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None, Spanish or Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese) preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	Yes
Driver’s License/Vehicle	No
Insurance	Malpractice insurance
Other	Educational verification letter from school that states that they have met the following requirements: a. Background check b. Health clearance with immunizations or titers for: MMR, Varicella, HEP B, Tdap, PPD, annual Flu shot (PPD must be done within 1 year) c. Physical exam d. HIPAA training e. CPR/First aid proof f. Certificate of Insurance from their school
Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling (supportive and psychosocial, NOT clinical therapy) *Crisis Intervention *Family (supporting the enrolled participant to live as healthfully and independently as possible) *End of Life Care (advance life planning: advance directives, palliative care, hospice, bereavement support) *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term (includes but not limited to: government benefits and entitlements, housing, food insecurity, ancillary services, financial, legal, etc.) *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group (Yes- both in-person and virtual support groups) *Other: (Care planning, working with interdisciplinary team, electronic medical record navigation, medical terminology) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Policy *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Other: Quality improvement, regulatory compliance
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hospital (Students may engage with participants or family members/caregivers for post-hospitalization planning and support) *Community (Minimal but there may be opportunity to engage with participants and families in their homes) *Congregate Living (Small percentage of participants transition to custodial care in skilled nursing facilities) *Community-Based Agency *Mental Health (Will learn about integration of behavioral health with physical/medical health coordination and engage with behavioral health team members to support participant needs) *Outpatient Health Setting *Health Maintenance Organization (AltaMed is the participant’s HMO as well as their medical care provider) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Chronically Mentally Ill *Ethnic/Special Groups: Low-income, underserved communities, many are monolingual

AltaMed Health Services – PACE Program

Opportunity:

With a foundation in active civic engagement, AltaMed's mission over the last 50 years has been to eliminate disparities in health care access and outcomes by providing superior quality health and human services through an integrated delivery system for Latino, multi-ethnic and often-overlooked communities in Southern California. AltaMed serves the entire family with primary medical care, dental clinics and complete senior long-term care services, including primary care clinics, senior case management, and the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). AltaMed also delivers disease management programs, health education, youth services, specialty HIV/AIDS care and substance abuse treatment. This internship will allow students the opportunity to work in one of our eleven PACE programs located across Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The programs provide 24/7 care to enrolled participants and are in: Long Beach, South LA (Watts), Huntington Park, Lynwood, Norwalk, Covina, El Monte, East LA, DTLA/Chinatown, Anaheim, and Santa Ana. AltaMed/PACE is recognized as one of the nation's most innovative providers of all-inclusive medical and social services. AltaMed offers a distinct type of senior services to enable chronically ill and frail seniors to live safely and with dignity in the comfort of their own home while receiving essential health care services. Placement with the PACE program will allow students to integrate their classroom education into direct practice through bio-psychosocial assessments, care plan development, case management, community-based linkages and referrals, discharge planning, psycho-educational and therapeutic groups, and working as part of an interdisciplinary team. The students will also have the opportunity to work with families and caregivers of the program participants through engagement in the assessment process, discussion about advance life planning, and collaboration around individualized care plans.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

The PACE program model is centered on the belief that it is better for the well-being of seniors with chronic care needs and their families to be served in the community whenever possible. Enrollees must be 55 or older, live in a geographic area served by the PACE program, and be able to live in the community safely without jeopardizing his or her health. Additionally, while all PACE participants must be certified to meet nursing home care criteria to enroll in PACE, only about 7 percent of PACE participants nationally reside in a nursing home. If a PACE enrollee needs nursing home care, the PACE program pays for it and continues to coordinate the enrollee's care. The services provided to a PACE participant include: • Adult day care that offers recreational therapy and nutritious meals • Transportation to medical appointments and the adult day care site • Physical and occupational therapies • Dietary/nutritional counseling • Social services and counseling • Nursing and acute symptom management • Primary medical care services • Home care services and supports • All necessary prescription drugs • Palliative care • Medical specialties such as audiology, dentistry, optometry, podiatry and speech therapy • Respite care; and • Hospital, nursing home, and hospice care when necessary. The students placed with the AltaMed PACE program will have the unique opportunity to work with frail seniors and their families and be exposed to this vulnerable population's needs. AltaMed PACE is committed to providing professional development through ongoing trainings on quality improvement initiatives, process improvement, resume building, and supervision with experienced Social Workers. Referenced:
<http://www.npaonline.org/website/article.asp?id=12>

Alzheimer's Los Angeles

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays required
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None, Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance and malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Crisis Intervention *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Group	*Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community-Based Agency	*Staff/Professionals *Ethnic/Special Groups: All ethnically diverse groups; also, people in early stages of Alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's Los Angeles

Opportunity:

Depending on the project/area that the student selects, he/she will have the opportunity to observe and learn about people experiencing the early stages of Alzheimer's disease and how they and their loved ones cope with the diagnosis. The student might lead one of our early-stage groups or carry a caseload of clients who are caregivers caring for someone in the middle or late stage of the disease, when behaviors are challenging, and extra support is needed. Or he/she might go into the community to deliver an educational talk about Alzheimer's disease or some other aspect of dementia. If the student is interested in working with diverse communities, we offer opportunities to network with, and deliver services to, the African American community, the Asian-Pacific Islander community and the Latino Community. If someone is more interested in public policy, visits to legislators to advocate for people affected by Alzheimer's disease might be part of the day. If the student is interested in more macro projects, he/she might work on program evaluation and outcomes, data collection or service mapping in order to determine how resources should be spent.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Whether someone is interested in direct practice or macro work, the best part about being at Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles, is the variety of opportunities available to students. In addition to training students to become dementia care experts, we are able to match students' interests to the services we provide, and they actually have a voice in how their placement will unfold. The staff are experienced supervisors who are invested in students and their learning, and we take the time to make the entire experience enjoyable and meaningful. We offer individualized support and guidance, while giving students abundant opportunities for exploration and growth.

Alzheimer's Orange County

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Website: <https://www.alzoc.org/>

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	16 hours unless 20 hours is required by school
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	In-person or virtual
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	Bi-lingual. Ongoing need for Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Farsi
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Yes, license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Malpractice (usually university provided), Auto

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Group (possible) *Cognitive Screens *Options Counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Educational Presentations
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting *Other: Adult Day Health Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Caregivers *Ethnic/Special Groups: Latinx, Vietnamese, Korean, Farsi-speaking individuals and families

Alzheimer's Orange County

Opportunity:

At Alzheimer's Orange County (AlzOC), GSWEC students will begin their internship with robust training to become dementia care specialists. GSWEC students will then have opportunities to conduct assessments, provide supportive counseling, link to services, and participate in support groups. Services may be delivered through office visits, home visits, or telehealth. AlzOC is committed to providing quality learning experience while also committing to the safety and welfare of our constituents, staff and interns. *Dependent upon COVID-19 developments for the 2022-2023 academic year, field placement adjustments may also be made accordingly, and may entail in-person, remote or hybrid learning. All interns were in-person in 2022.*

GSWEC students may also participate in the following additional opportunities:

- Telephonic and in-person support in the form of providing information, referrals, and care consultations for individuals and families impacted by memory loss
- Administration of Cognitive Screenings and associated education and linkage
- Facilitate groups for individuals and families impacted by memory loss, such as support groups, psycho-educational classes, and other activities
- Support multicultural community outreach education initiatives
- Supporting constituents and initiatives connected to AlzOC's two Adult Day Health Care sites

Unique Aspects of Placement:

AlzOC is an expanding and increasingly diverse senior focused community based service organization. Founded in 1982 by family caregivers to serve dementia caregivers in Orange County, AlzOC became an independent chapter of the national Alzheimer's Association in 1985. In 2015, AlzOC disaffiliated from the national organization and has had an expanding scope of services since. In 2019, AlzOC reached 34,526 people in Orange County through a variety of services and programs. A significant part of this success is due to unique partnerships with local health care providers as well as with ethnic and cultural community based organizations in Orange County. AlzOC now includes two adult day health centers (in Garden Grove and Laguna Woods). Brain health initiatives have expanded to include cognitive screenings and a variety of dementia education workshops and classes. Additionally, AlzOC has significant leadership roles in the Orange County Aging Services Collaborative, Orange County Strategic Plan for Aging, and the Orange County Advance Care Planning Partners, thus impacting the community of senior service providers. Educating the community, health care providers, and senior service providers about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias remains one of the key goals of AlzOC. This mission includes assisting in the development of the next generation of geriatric focused professional social workers by providing practical learning opportunities as well as quality supervision (3 Licensed Clinical Social Workers on staff in Programs & Education) and mentorship tailored to the needs and goals of the individual student.

Arosa

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- 10020 National Blvd, Suite 1, Los Angeles, CA 90034
 - 220 East Figueroa St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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 - 220 East Figueroa St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
 - 1650 Iowa Ave, Suite 120, Riverside, CA 92507
- 3200 Park Center Drive, Suite 1400, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
- 2650 Camino Del Rio North, Suite 203, San Diego, CA 92108

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	M-F flexibility - Tue & Thu mornings are interdisciplinary rounds
Format of stipend	Stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	English
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's license, no malpractice insurance
Additional Background Check	Yes, paid by agency

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Group *Engagement with referral sources, assessments, and developing plans of care for adults with disabilities and the aging population	*Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Community Organization *Grant Writing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community-Based Agency	*Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Ethnic/Special Groups: Adults with disabilities (referrals from Regional Centers and the MS Society)

Arosa

Opportunity:

At Arosa, we know that our client's independence is of utmost importance and will work with them to ensure they remain an active participant in your aging journey.

Our care professionals are professionally trained, thoroughly vetted, and empowered by us to provide compassionate care so clients and their families can feel confident they are in excellent hands. Unlike most home care companies, we create customized care plans that meet the level of support that clients want and need—with the flexibility to adapt to new needs or wishes at any time.

We know that the very best care requires an understanding not only of our client's needs, but just as importantly, their personality, preferences, priorities, and values. What do they enjoy most? How can we honor their values and priorities while tending to their physical and social well-being, thus enhancing our client's and families' peace of mind and quality of life? These are the questions we actively seek the answers to every day.

Our team-based approach of care managers and caregivers allows us to focus on our clients' physical and mental wellness. Our full-picture approach includes:

- Utilizing a team approach with family, trusted advisors, and other care professionals
- Setting clear goals
- Helping individuals stay fully engaged in the aging journey
- Promoting exercise, good balance, and home safety
- Focusing on resilience, healing, and the best possibilities in every situation

An internship placement with Arosa will allow students to gain exposure to a variety of aspects of social work. Students will have the opportunities to complete intakes, assessments, support clients with Care Management, implementation of caregiving services, and execution of caregiver oversight, supervision, and coordination. Additional opportunities will include engagement with referral sources, working with community health partners, an introduction to sales/marketing strategies, healthcare, policy, gerontology, and public health.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

This placement will provide students with exposure to traditional social works skills both on the micro and macro levels. Arosa is a for-profit company providing Integrated Life Care Management and caregiving services). Clients are primarily private pay with approximately 25 percent reimbursed through Long Term Care Insurance. In addition, interns will interact both with our local Los Angeles office/Care Management team, as well as interact with our other national branch locations.

Beach Cities Health District

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Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday mornings in-person attendance required for weekly meetings, other days and hours are flexible
Format of stipend	\$4,000 per academic year provided in monthly installments, 1099-NEC form provided
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	None
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Educational Presentations
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Community-Based Agency *Other: Home-based care management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Caregivers

Beach Cities Health District

Opportunity:

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) Community Services Department offers a robust intern training program operating from a strength-based environment for those interested in working with older adults and adults with disabilities. Interns are provided weekly individual supervision, attend weekly staff case conferences and are given ongoing learning opportunities from various departments in the agency.

Interns are asked to manage a caseload of clients, providing bio/psycho/social and ADL/IADL assessments, and developing client-specific care plans. They will engage with clients and their support systems by phone and in-person on a regular basis. This work includes coordinating subsidized services such as non-medical home care and incontinence supplies, overseeing volunteer support, and employing other interventions around mental health, life transitions, and grief and loss. They may work with clients that are involved in community and government assistance programs and help with eligibility for such programs. Interns can also provide short term mental health counseling to clients that indicate a desire for it.

Our BCHD staff will train interns to answer calls and questions on our community information and referral warmline. In addition, interns can participate in the district's groups and programs for the wider community, including health fairs, support groups, and trainings.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) is a healthcare district focused on preventive health and serves the communities of Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach. Established in 1955 as a public agency, it offers an extensive range of dynamic health and wellness programs, with innovative services and facilities to promote health and prevent diseases across the lifespan.

- **INTEGRATION INTO AGENCY AT LARGE:** participation in quarterly agency-wide state of the district meetings and other fun events BCHD hosts throughout the year, including our work wellness program and discounted gym membership.
- **EXPOSURE TO PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTHCARE DISTRICT:** opportunity to see how a publicly funded healthcare district operates, including participation in monthly board meetings and strategic development days.
- **ONGOING CLINICAL TRAINING:** participation in robust clinical training facilitated by our team of seasoned social workers at onset of internship and on a monthly basis throughout the internship.

Huntington Health Senior Care Network

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Website: www.huntingtonhealth.org/scn

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
Format of stipend	Stipend paid in February
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Family *Case Management – Short Term (MSSP/ALW only) *Case Management – Long Term (MSSP/ALW only) *Information & Referral *Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Grant Writing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hospital *Community *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups

Huntington Health Senior Care Network

Opportunity:

Our GSWEC interns can work in several different programs, including the following:

- Resource Center – A free service to the community where social workers conduct brief needs assessments, provide referrals/resources, and complete intakes for care management programs. This is an opportunity to learn in-depth about community resources and public benefits, talk with community members in need both face-to-face and by phone, connect them with resources, and provide short-term care management follow-up as needed.
- Long Term Care Management – We have two long-term care management programs for Medi-Cal recipients. The Assisted Living Waiver Program (ALW) works with individuals 21 and older residing in Assisted Living Facilities and the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) works with individuals 65 and older who live at home and are at risk for placement in a Skilled Nursing Facility. These programs offer the opportunity to meet face-to-face with clients where they live, monitor their care plan, assess and provide social work interventions as needs arise.
- Navigation – Short Term Care Management for individuals identified at the hospital as needing follow-up once they discharge home. This is an opportunity to provide follow-up post-hospital care transition services, link individuals with community resources, health plan and public benefits, and provide short term care management services as needed.
- Macro Opportunity – Macro Internship - Senior Care Network has a macro internship available for one student interested in engaging in program planning, implementation, and evaluation. Specifics of the internship are arranged with the student's learning goals in mind and may include creating and distributing client surveys, monitoring program compliance, utilization review of client records, community outreach, client records management, and overseeing volunteers.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Intern Learning Opportunities:

- Students will have the opportunity to learn the following skills:
 - Biopsychosocial Assessment
 - Cognition Assessment and Intervention
 - Depression Assessment and Intervention
 - Care Plan Development and Interdisciplinary collaboration
 - Referrals and Resources provision
 - Grant writing opportunities
 - Caregiver Burnout Assessment and Intervention
 - Fall Risk Assessment and Intervention
 - Overall Safety Assessment
 - Socialization/Isolation Prevention and Intervention
 - Cultural competencies and working with clients and families whose native language is not English, use of interpretation services
 - Performance Improvement methodologies and processes
- Senior Care Network is a department of Huntington Health, an affiliate of Cedars-Sinai. Thanks to our connection with Huntington Hospital, interns have the opportunity to rotate into the hospital during the second semester.

Additional Trainings:

- Monthly educational trainings, hospital didactics and motivational interviewing practice sessions

Employment Opportunities:

- Currently Senior Care Network has 9 GSWEC Alumni employees. Senior Care Network is committed to hiring strong former GSWEC students after graduation when possible.

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles – Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	M-Th 8:30-500, Friday 8:30-3:30
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None, Farsi, Spanish, or Russian a plus
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's License and Personal Vehicle
Insurance	Driver's Insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling (including supportive counseling for family members with loved ones experiencing dementia) *Crisis Intervention *Family *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Other: Community benefit connections, working with Holocaust survivors and their families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Outreach/Marketing *Other: Health Fairs
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Caregivers *Ethnic/Special Groups: Holocaust survivors and their families, culturally diverse communities

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles – Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center

Opportunity:

An Intern at JFS LA/Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Center will have the opportunity to be supervised and mentored by professionals in the field who work on a daily basis with older adults and who serve the local community of seniors and their families. The work setting is in the office or in the field as home visits are required to assess our case management clients on a regular basis. Typically, an Intern will be assigned one Intake shift a week, during which they would either see clients in-person or via phone to provide information, referrals, consultations, short-term crises interventions, assisting with applying for governmental benefits, grants and advocating on their behalf. Through case management program, an intern will learn how to conduct home visits, complete comprehensive bio-psycho-social assessments, care plans and discharge planning. There is a possibility to co-facilitate a support group.

Community outreach, organizing senior events, program development and engagement might also be available as part of the intern's learning opportunity.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

This site hosts some services in Spanish and Farsi. Students who are bilingual and interested in serving these communities are welcome. Interns will also have the opportunity to work with Seniors 60+ who might be Holocaust survivors and their families and/or with caregivers of those with memory impairment and chronic health issues. Also, specific training provided on how to work with clients/family members who present with Dementia.

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Elder Connection Program

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	MWF 8:00am - 4:40pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, Non-Taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	English
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance
Other	Drug screen

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group (possible)	
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community *Congregate Living *Outpatient Health Setting	*Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups: Individuals who have had a career in the film and tv industry

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Elder Connection Program

Opportunity:

The student would have the opportunity to intern with MPTF's Elder Connection Program, which provides services to entertainment industry professionals 65-years of age and older in the community. The program can assist the "industry member", their families and/or caregivers as they face a myriad of issues related to aging. He or she would have the opportunity to experience the unique complexities of the entertainment industry, while developing their own practice skills with an aging population. Many of our clients receive comprehensive case management, including care coordination, linkages to appropriate resources and referrals, and the provision of supportive counseling. The intern will learn how to conduct biopsychosocial assessments, clinical geriatric assessments (e.g., Geriatric Depression scale, Mini Mental Status Exam, etc.) and develop/implement case plans with clients, families, caregivers and other professionals. The Elder Connection Program works with various modalities, including individuals, couples and families. Services provided may include comprehensive case management, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, financial assistance and educating clients around both the aging process and end of life issues. The Intern will experience working with clients in home settings, assisted living facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. Interns would also have the possibility of co-facilitating various groups that MPTF offers, including grief/bereavement groups and other 4fts. evidenced based groups. Although the primary focus of practice is micro, the intern will have the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the micro/mezzo/macro interplay in the field of aging, particularly as this relates to the clients MPTF serves.

For students who are interested in experiencing social work with a medical model emphasis, there is the possibility of integrating a one day a week rotation at our Wasserman campus location, located in Woodland Hills. Students who choose this internship option would have the additional opportunity to have a portion of their internship on the retirement campus with a dynamic team of social workers. This additional internship option provides students with learning experiences through collaboration within a multidisciplinary team (i.e., physician, nursing staff, activities, and chaplaincy). The intern would have the opportunity to work in various modalities including individuals, couples and families. The internship would include a rotation through the various levels of care (i.e., RCFE, Long-Term Care, Secured Dementia Unit, etc.) allowing the student to gather a deeper understanding of options and issues that arise in community care facilities.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

MPTF's Elder Connection program is a trusted resource for entertainment industry members and their parents who face challenges living on their own or may have had a sudden life event that requires an urgent intervention. MPTF's retirement community has, for generations, been at the center of MPTF's legacy to countless people in the entertainment industry who seek a warm, inviting, supportive place to spend their retirement years. MPTF is non-profit organization that provides a full continuum of services for older adults on its 44-acre community located in the west San Fernando Valley. Services include a Residential Care Facility for the elderly (RCFE), which focuses on independent and assisted living; a 40-bed Long Term Care community for residents who need 24 hour care and 30-bed unit for residents with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

The mission of the Elder Connection Program is to provide exemplary psychosocial interventions to entertainment industry individuals, families and our communities; to prevent and alleviate suffering and to maximize quality of life. Our social work practice is guided by core values of holistic care, justice, self-determination and advocacy for industry members, their parents and caregivers through continuously evolving programs and services designed to meet their health and human service needs.

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Skilled Nursing Program

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	MWF 8:00am - 4:40pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, Non-Taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	English
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver’s License/Vehicle	Driver’s license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver’s insurance, no malpractice insurance
Other	Drug screen

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group (possible)	
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Skilled Nursing Facility	*Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups: Individuals who have had a career in the film and tv industry

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Skilled Nursing Program

Opportunity:

The student would have the opportunity to intern within MPTF's Skilled Nursing Facility which provides services to entertainment industry professionals. MPTF's skilled nursing facility currently houses 70 residents between our Long-Term Care and Secure Dementia Unit. The intern would have the opportunity to experience the unique complexities of the entertainment industry, while developing their own practice skills with residents who live in a long-term care setting. The intern will learn how to conduct biopsychosocial assessments, clinical geriatric assessments (e.g., Geriatric Depression scale, Mini Mental Status Exam, etc.) and develop/implement case plans with clients, families, medical staff and other professionals involved in the care of the resident. The long-term care social workers and intern work with various modalities, including individuals, couples and families. Services provided may include comprehensive case management, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, and educating and providing therapy to the resident around both the aging process and end of life issues. The Intern will experience working with clients in their home settings, Interns may have the possibility of co-facilitating various groups that MPTF offers including grief/bereavement groups and other evidenced based groups. Although the primary focus of practice is micro, the intern will have the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the micro/mezzo/macro interplay in the field of aging, particularly as this relates to the clients MPTF serves.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

MPTF's retirement community has, for generations, been at the center of MPTF's legacy to countless people in the entertainment industry who seek a warm, inviting, supportive place to spend their retirement years. MPTF is non-profit organization that provides a full continuum of services for older adults on its 44-acre community located in the west San Fernando Valley. Services include a Residential Care Facility for the elderly (RCFE), which focuses on independent and assisted living; a 40-bed Long Term Care community for residents who need 24 hour care and 30-bed unit for residents with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Innovation/Engagement

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	MWF 8:00am - 4:40pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, Non-Taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	English
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance
Other	Drug screen

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group (possible) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *Grant Writing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups: Individuals who have had a career in the film and tv industry

Motion Picture and Television Fund – **Innovation/Engagement**

Opportunity:

MPTF's mission is to support the entertainment community in living and aging well, with dignity and purpose, and in helping each other in times of need. MPTF's social work practice is guided by core values of holistic care, social justice, self-determination and advocacy for industry members, their parents and caregivers through continuously evolving programs and services designed to meet their health and human service needs.

The Innovation department at the Motion Picture & Television Fund (MPTF) is excited to offer a macro focused GSWEC internship. We can provide an in-person or hybrid internship in which students will support the Innovation department in collaborating with other departments to deliver innovative programming for older adults living on MPTF's senior living campus and in the community. There is an opportunity to work with the Engagement department on development and evaluation of an intergenerational career mentorship program which pairs younger adults starting their careers in the entertainment industry with older adults who have retired from the industry. For this project, interns will help develop a toolkit, conduct outreach to other organizations we would like to partner with, facilitate mentor/mentee training and matches, and assist with evaluation of the program through survey administration and feedback sessions. Interns will also support Innovation pilot projects in collaboration with the Social Services department, Nursing staff, and Recreation and Activities departments. Interns will help Innovation staff implement and evaluate projects. Finally, interns are encouraged to gain experience working one-on-one with residents living on campus by providing technology support (e.g., helping residents use their smart phones or computers) which is a current project MPTF has been under taking. There will also be opportunities to gain micro/mezzo skills working directly with residents and community dwelling older adults in a clinical, case management capacity.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

100 years ago, our founder, Mary Pickford, set the bar when she said, "We see a need, and we fill it." What began in 1921 is more relevant today than ever. MPTF supports working and retired members of the entertainment community with a safety net of health and social services, including temporary financial assistance, case management, and residential living. From childcare to living and aging well with dignity and purpose, MPTF is there to guide the industry workforce through the enormous obstacles life presents. For nearly 100 years, the extraordinary generosity of the entertainment community has enabled MPTF to deliver charitable services to industry members in need. MPTF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization.

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Palliative Care Program

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	MWF 8:00am - 4:40pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, Non-Taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	English
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance
Other	Drug screen

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Group (possible) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting *Residential Care Facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups: Individuals who have had a career in the film and tv industry

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Palliative Care Program

Opportunity:

The student would have the opportunity to intern with MPTF's Palliative Care Program which provides wrap around palliative care services to entertainment industry professionals and their families. MPTF's Palliative Care Program currently partners with UCLA medical care to provide outpatient palliative care to industry members and/or their families that have been diagnosed with a life altering illness. Unlike hospice where an individual needs to be given a life ending diagnosis, palliative care is designed to work concurrently with other medical treatments that the individual may be pursuing. The Palliative Care team is made up of a medical doctor, a social worker, a nurse practitioner and a chaplain. This team is designed to take care of the medical, social and spiritual needs of the individual and their family as they tackle their diagnosis.

The intern would have the opportunity to experience the unique complexities of the entertainment industry, while developing their own practice skills with clients who have been diagnosed with a life altering illness. The intern will learn how to conduct biopsychosocial assessments, clinical geriatric assessments (e.g., Geriatric Depression scale, Mini Mental Status Exam, etc.) and develop/implement case plans with clients, families, medical staff and other professionals involved in the care of the client. The palliative care social worker and intern work with various modalities, including individuals, couples and families. Services provided may include comprehensive case management, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, and educating and providing therapy to the client and their family. The intern will experience working with clients in both a community based medical setting as well as individual home settings. Interns may have the possibility of co-facilitating various groups that MPTF offers including grief/bereavement groups. Although the primary focus of practice is micro, the intern will have the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the micro/mezzo/macro interplay in the field of palliative care, particularly as this relates to the clients MPTF serves.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

MPTF's retirement community has, for generations, been at the center of MPTF's legacy to countless people in the entertainment industry who seek a warm, inviting, supportive place to spend their retirement years. MPTF is non-profit organization that provides a full continuum of services for older adults on its 44-acre community located in the west San Fernando Valley. Services include a Residential Care Facility for the elderly (RCFE), which focuses on independent and assisted living; a 40-bed Long Term Care community for residents who need 24-hour care and 30-bed unit for residents with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Pacific Clinics—Asian Pacific Family Center Older Adult Program

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday is required; other days are flexible
Format of stipend	Minimum wage/hour plus additional bilingual differential, taxed, minimum of 20 hours/week required
Work Study	Yes, agency can sign federal work study contract if university issues work study payments
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	Cantonese, Mandarin or Vietnamese required
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance
Other	Orientation is first day of field placement

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group (possible) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Other: Macro project completion
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Community dwelling older adults *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency *Mental Health *Outpatient Health Setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Resident in Congregate Living (possible) *Caregivers (possible) *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless (possible) *Ethnic/Special Groups: API populations, Chinese and Vietnamese clients

Pacific Clinics—Asian Pacific Family Center Older Adult Program

Opportunity:

Opportunity to work as part of a multidisciplinary team in a cutting-edge PEI/FSP/MHSA program. Individual, family and group therapy, case management, individual and community outreach. Learn the DMH documentation requirements and standards. Students also have an opportunity to do a macro project. Some projects which former students have done include compiling resources for the API Older Adults, Community resource fair for the older adults, educational workshop at a local community center, organizing an activity event for the older adults. Students will also have the opportunity to facilitate an activity group with clients. Students will also participate in intern training and group supervision with the Pacific Clinics Training Institute on a variety of topics specific for mental health settings.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

NOW (Nurturing Older Adult Wellness) uses a multidisciplinary team approach (doctor, nurse, case manager, therapist, and service extenders) to serve the older adults; a field-based program which works with the older adults and their family members/caregivers, with an emphasis on treatment, prevention and early intervention. It is an integrated approach on health, mental health, and substance abuse. We emphasize the provision of culturally and linguistically competent mental health services to the API Older Adults, their family members and/or caregivers.

Pacific Clinics –Older Adult, PEI/FSP/MHSA

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday is required; other days can be flexible
Format of stipend	Minimum wage/hour plus additional bilingual differential, taxed, minimum of 20 hours/week required
Work Study	Yes, agency can sign federal work study contract if university issues work study payments
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance
Other	Orientation is first day of field placement

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care (possible) *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group *Other: Outreach, field-based services, DMH paperwork, initial assessments, annual updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Outreach/Marketing *Educational Presentations (possible) *Event Planning (possible) *Other: Macro project completion
<i>Population</i>	<i>Setting</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Resident in Congregate Living (possible) *Caregivers *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless (possibly) *Ethnic/Special Groups: Latino population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalized Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless (possible) *Ethnic/Special Groups: Latino Population

Pacific Clinics –Older Adult, PEI/FSP/MHSA

Opportunity:

Opportunity to work as part of a multidisciplinary team in a cutting-edge PEI/FSP/MHSA program. Opportunity to work with chronically mentally ill clients with a multitude of stressors and to provide individual, family, and group therapy, case management, individual and community outreach. Opportunity to see clients in clinic setting and also to do field-based work, visiting with clients in a multitude of settings, including hospitals, client homes, parks, etc. In this setting you will have an opportunity to diagnose and treat clients, develop treatment plans, do initial assessments including a mental status exam. You will administer several assessments, including MMSE, Geriatric Depression Screenings and others. You will also complete outcome studies with clients. Learn the DMH documentation requirements and standards. Students also have an opportunity to do a macro project. Students will also have the opportunity to facilitate an activity group with clients. Students will also participate in intern training and group supervision with the Pacific Clinics Training Institute on a variety of topics specific for mental health settings.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

All our programs use a multidisciplinary team approach (doctor, nurse, case manager, therapist, and service extenders) to serve the older adults. These programs save lives! We work intensively with our clients, assisting them with therapy, case management, medication. In addition, we can assist with housing, food, clothing, etc. These are cutting edge programs that work with severe clients, with a multitude of problems in addition to mental health issues. Furthermore, we have integrated health measures and substance abuse measures to ensure clients can meet their health and substance abuse recovery needs. Interns will have their own caseload but work as a part of a team. Interns attend staff meetings when possible. Pacific Clinics has a Training Institute and interns attend a series of trainings to enhance their clinical skills.

Pacific Clinics, Portals Division Older Adult Services, SA 4

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday is required; other days M-F can be flexible
Format of stipend	Minimum wage/hour plus additional bilingual differential, taxed, minimum of 20 hours/week required
Work Study	Yes, agency can sign federal work study contract if university issues work study payments
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance
Other	Orientation is first day of field placement

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care (possible) *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group (varies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Outreach/Marketing *Educational Presentations (possible) *Other: Macro project completion
<i>Population</i>	<i>Setting</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalized Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalized Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless

Pacific Clinics, Portals Division Older Adult Services, SA 4

Opportunity:

- Opportunity to work in a cohesive team for professional development.
- Opportunity to see clients in clinic setting and also to do field-based work, visiting with clients in the office, in client homes, in assisted living facilities, and/or board/care facilities.
- Opportunity to provide psychoeducation to individuals, family, caregivers, and group.
- Opportunities to assess risk factors (i.e., substance abuse, self-neglect, social isolation, etc.) and help identify protective factors.
- Opportunity to evaluate client's activities of daily living (ADL) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADL).

In this setting you will have an opportunity to diagnose and treat clients, develop treatment plans, do initial assessments including a mental status exam. You will administer several assessments, including MMSE, Geriatric Depression Screenings and others. You will also complete outcome studies with clients. Learn the DMH documentation requirements and standards.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

- Specially trained in issues commonly facing older adults such as major depression, anxiety, signs of dementia, grieving, isolation, and other emotional and social challenges.

Partners in Care Foundation – Community Wellness

Department

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	8:30-5:00pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	No
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Information & Referral *Group *Other: Self management workshop implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Resident in Congregate Living *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Ethnic/Special Groups: Multi-ethnic

Partners in Care Foundation – Community Wellness Department

Opportunity:

Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) goal is to facilitate a safe and timely transition of Medi-Cal eligible seniors and persons with disabilities from a nursing facility to a community home-like setting in a Residential Care Facility (RCF), an Adult Residential Care Facility (ARF), or public subsidized housing; and offer eligible seniors and persons with disabilities, who reside in the community, but are at risk of being institutionalized, the option of utilizing ALW services. The services that Partners in Care provides are enrolling clients, conducting assessments and reassessments using the ALW Assessment Tool, determining each client's level of care, developing Individualized Service Plans, arranging for services as determined necessary by the individual assessment, and monthly visits to participants. ALW will provide an opportunity to develop the following competencies: Psychosocial Assessments, Home Safety Evaluations, Crisis Intervention, Care Plan Development, Interdisciplinary team meetings, Referrals and Services, Implementation, field visits, collaboration and partnering with various healthcare providers, marketing, and opportunities for professional development.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Case Assignments for student interns may include assignments of up to (10) clients, with responsibilities to include: collaborating with health plans, conducting monthly home visits, completing case notes, case conferencing, referrals, and development of service plans for members.

Partners in Care Foundation – Home and Community Based

Alternatives

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	8:30-5:00pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	Spanish
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Educational Presentations
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hospital *Community *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups: Spanish, Russian, Armenian, Korean, Cambodian, English

Partners in Care Foundation – Home and Community Based Alternatives

Opportunity:

Home Community Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver services medically fragile participants ranging from infancy to geriatrics. HCBA Waiver allows Medi-Cal beneficiaries with high-level care needs to continue to live at home or in the community by identifying and ensuring they receive services that will sustain their health and safety outside of an institution. HCBA will provide an opportunity to develop the following competencies: Psychosocial Assessments, Home Safety Evaluations, Crisis Intervention, Care Plan Development, Interdisciplinary team meetings, Referrals and Services, Implementation, field visits, collaboration and partnering with various waiver service providers, marketing and opportunities for professional development.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Case Assignments for student interns may include assignments of up to (10) clients, with responsibilities to include: conducting monthly phone contacts, case note entries, home visits, case conferencing, referrals, and development of care plans for medically fragile participants.

Partners in Care Foundation – Multipurpose Senior Services Program

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Lynwood, CA 90262

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday is a required field day
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	Spanish
Lifescan/Fingerprint	No
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Grant Writing *Educational Presentations *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Community-Based Agency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Ethnic/Special Groups: Spanish, Russian, Armenian, Korean, Cambodian, English

Partners in Care Foundation – Multipurpose Senior Services Program

Opportunity:

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program provides a learning environment with direct experience in developing competency in the following areas: Psychosocial Assessments, Home Safety Evaluations, Crisis Intervention, Care Plan Development, Interdisciplinary team meetings, Referrals and Services, Implementation, field visits, collaboration, and partners with health management organizations thru California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Medicare Medi-Cal Plans, marketing and opportunities for professional development.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Case Assignments for student interns may include assignments of up to (10) clients, with responsibilities to include: care conferencing, progress recordings on monthly phone contacts and home visits, monitor and implement referrals and services to frail seniors over 65 years of age who wish to remain at home.

SCAN Health Plan

3800 Kilroy Airport Way #100, Long Beach CA 90806

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Phone: 562-988-5100

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays are a required day for supervision
Format of stipend	Taxed check payment
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	Bilingual Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	TBD
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's and TBD for malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Family *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing (possible) *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning (possible)
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Health Maintenance Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups

SCAN Health Plan

Opportunity:

SCAN is a not-for-profit Medicare Advantage plan. Serving more than 275,000 members across multiple counties in the states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Texas. SCAN offers comprehensive health care plus geriatric enhanced health management programs for our most frail and vulnerable members.

At SCAN, our mission is to continue to find innovative ways to enhance seniors' ability to manage their health and to continue to control where and how they live. Our focus is to maximize the senior's ability to remain healthy and independent. SCAN offers the GSWEC intern a breadth of experiences with the senior population, within a non-profit environment. These opportunities include case management within multiple programs, program planning and development, personal interaction, care planning, and continued interfacing with other clinical disciplines.

Field Placement experience and skill development can include:

- Conduct telephonic and in-home assessments to determine program eligibility.
- Development of comprehensive service plans for qualifying members.
- Knowledge of community resources and continuum of care for older adults.
- Participate in developing programs in collaboration with other health care management teams.
- Program evaluations with data driven outcome measurement tool development.
- Assist in the creation of training programs in case management.
- Develop and provide interventions such as fall prevention, medication management, self-care, and end-of-life planning.
- Exposure to interdisciplinary meetings.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

SCAN Health Plan will have two placements available, both involve a mixed Macro/Micro experience. Students will be joining at a unique time for the organization, where there is a great deal of growth, transformation and innovation with an emphasis on serving diverse and underserved populations. Please be advise that SCAN also has two additional placements outside of the Health Plan under the Independence at Home entity, Please see the SCAN - Independence at Home (IAH) description for details.

SCAN Health Plan – Independence at Home

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Usually agreed upon with Student – Typically is Tue, Wed or Thu
Format of stipend	Taxed check payment
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	Bilingual Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	TBD
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's and TBD for malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy (awareness, not development) *Community Organization *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency *Mental Health *Outpatient Health Setting *Health Maintenance Organization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups:

SCAN Health Plan – Independence at Home

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For the student to:

- provide case management services and / or mental health counseling to Older Adults and their caregivers.
- learn about federal, state and local policies related to the services we provide

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Mental Health: A student placed in the Insights program (Behavioral health) will provide mental health services to individuals that are having barriers to access the services they need through any other means.

Case Management: A student placed in the Homeless Services Case Management program will assist individuals at risk for homelessness or recently housed by connecting them to community resources and providing the support, encouragement, and advocacy they need.

Please be advised that SCAN also has two additional placements outside of Independence at Home under the Health Plan entity, Please see the SCAN – Health Plan description for details.

Special Services for Groups/Sustaining Independent Lives with Vital Empowering Resources

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday and Wednesday Preferred
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None, any API or Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's License and Personal Vehicle
Insurance	Driver's Insurance and Malpractice Insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *Grant Writing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency *Mental Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups: Specialized projects onsite for specific API populations

Special Services for Groups/Sustaining Independent Lives with Vital Empowering Resources

Opportunity:

Students placed at SSG/SILVER will have an opportunity to see clients flow through different levels of care from brief case management and mental health intervention to intensive case management and comprehensive mental health intervention including medication management. Students will also work with family caregivers and address systems issues within the home environment. While SSG has many divisions, students should be advised that the placement will be with SILVER and rotation with other divisions will not be available.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

SSG/SILVER does have funding from DMH to work with clients starting from Prevention and Early intervention to Full Scope intensive mental health treatment (24/7 crisis management). SSG/SILVER also work with several community partners to address the needs of the culturally diverse clientele that we serve, including those who are housing insecure. Students will have an opportunity to learn about various culturally specific interventions and be able to incorporate their learning into better assessment and evaluation of clients.

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Sepulveda Ambulatory Care and Community Living Center & West Los Angeles Healthcare Center

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11301 Wilshire Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90073

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Weekdays, 8:00am – 4:00pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	None
Insurance	None

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling *Crisis Intervention *Family *DSM Diagnosis *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Discharge Planning *Information & Referral *Group *Interdisciplinary Teamwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning *Development of Educational Material
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hospital *Community *Congregate Living *Community-Based Agency *Mental Health *Outpatient Health Setting *Adult Day Healthcare agency or contract *Skilled Nursing Facility agency or contract *Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing *HUD Apartments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalization Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *Homeless *Ethnic/Special Groups: Diverse veteran populations

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Sepulveda Ambulatory Care and Community Living Center & West Los Angeles Healthcare Center

Opportunity:

We provide primary care in the innovative medical home model, tertiary inpatient and ambulatory care (acute, sub-acute, rehabilitation, extended care, dementia unit), mental health services, mental health integrated care, adult day healthcare, home healthcare, homeless services, hospice, palliative care, nursing home, geriatric medicine, geropsychiatry, and substance abuse treatment, all with an interdisciplinary focus.

Unlike other programs, the VA offers interdisciplinary teamwork, which means that each member of the team is of equal value but holds different types of expertise. The patient is part of the team, and the team goal is patient centered care. Multidisciplinary teams rely on a hierarchy with medicine in the leadership role. Interdisciplinary or interprofessional teams share leadership with all team members. It's a hallmark of GSWEC and important to develop a skill set to deal with these teams.

ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM SEPULVEDA

The ADHC is a structured day program for the physically and/or cognitively impaired older or disabled adult who can benefit from a supportive environment. The ADHC provides socialization, health monitoring, individual exercise program, cognitive and therapeutic activities and day respite for caregivers. We assist Veterans and caregivers to remain safely in their home environment with support.

Day Program with strong Mental Health Component including intensive case management
Individual Counseling and Group Therapy (Reminiscence and Therapeutic 'process' groups)
Caregiver Support and Education
Interdisciplinary approach

COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER WEST LA

The WLA Community Living Center provides a wide range of social services to 51 Veterans on the 213-2 ward. The West LA CLC provides 24-hour skilled nursing care to approximately 150 Veterans across three wards (2 buildings), including one wander guard unit.

The West LA CLC provides a variety of services to include mental health recovery care, palliative care, short-term rehabilitation (<90 days), short-stay placements (i.e., Veterans that need temporary placement on campus to access specialty clinics/care including radiation and chemotherapy, etc.). CLC also provides long-term care for residents who have skilled needs and meet eligibility criteria.

CLC social workers are part of the core interdisciplinary team and are responsible for coordinating weekly team meetings, completing assessments, discharge planning, completing minimum data set (MDS) assessments and care plans in addition to various services to support the needs of our Veterans. In addition, CLC social workers often work with the Office of the Public Guardian regarding probate conservatorship referrals.

MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC- SEPULVEDA

Provide mental health care in the general Mental Health Clinic in coordination with a behavioral health interprofessional team.

Services include crisis intervention and management, diagnostic evaluation/assessment, determining a comprehensive treatment plan which may include psychiatric medication, individual and/or group treatment, as well as provide linkages to VA and community-based resources.

Provide group and individual psychotherapy using evidence-based treatment in an outpatient setting to address a range of disorders including trauma-related, mood and anxiety disorders.

Learn / implement Cognitive Behavioral and Mindfulness modalities

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System Sepulveda Ambulatory Care and Community Living Center & West Los Angeles Healthcare Center

PATIENT ALIGNED CARE TEAM SEPULVEDA (PACT)

Assess and treat the complicated psychosocial problems of Veterans, families and caregivers.

Provide assessment of homeless and other psychosocial problems that cause distress, such as adjustment to the current medical condition and/or functional status, untreated or under-treated mental health or substance abuse condition, economic instability, legal problems, and inadequate social supports, housing and transportation.

Comprehensive care with interdisciplinary team members.

Provide case management services and interventions to increase adherence to treatment plans and access to care, transportation assistance, Advance Directive education, economic assistance and strategies to increase income, assist in locating housing resources to assist with functional decline.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SEPULVEDA

At the Women's Health Clinic, the Social Worker intern's my primary responsibilities include the following:

Provide linkage to services/ coordinate services with the team

Provide individual and group psychotherapy

Conduct Mental Health Initial Assessments

Unique Aspects of Placement:

The VA offers a rich experience for students including clinical care, research and education. We provide primary, tertiary inpatient and ambulatory care (acute, sub- acute, rehabilitation, extended care), mental health services, mental health integrated care, adult day healthcare, home healthcare, homeless services, hospice, innovative research in geriatrics, palliative care, geriatric medicine, geropsychiatry, neurobehavior, and substance abuse treatment, all with an interdisciplinary focus.

We also partner with the GRECC (Geriatric Research Education Clinical Center) which offers a broad spectrum of macro-opportunities including program development, evaluation, research and educational opportunities.

VA Loma Linda Healthcare System

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VA Long Beach Healthcare System

New opportunities are being developed for placements with the Veteran's Administration in Loma Linda and Long Beach. For more information, please check the GSWEC website for the latest version of this guide:

<https://www.gswecnow.org/internship-opportunities/>

WISE and Healthy Aging – Adult Day Service Center

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 Santa Monica, CA 90401

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays required
Format of stipend	\$5,000, non-taxed stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	None
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's License and Personal Vehicle
Insurance	Driver's Insurance and Malpractice Insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Group	*Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Educational Presentations *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community *Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting	*Community Dwelling Older Adults *Staff/Professionals

WISE and Healthy Aging – Adult Day Service Center

Opportunity:

While working at our Adult Day Service Center (ADSC), interns will be encouraged to sharpen their assessment skills by providing biopsychosocial assessments for older adults who are frail, have impaired cognition, or other psychological diagnoses. In collaboration with ADSC staff, interns will create 6-month care plans suggesting specific interventions to facilitate the goals of social service model adult day services such as decreased social isolation, increased exercise and cognitive stimulation. Interns will be assigned a small caseload of ADSC participants to follow for the duration of their rotation and will intervene as necessary to promote greater integration and participation within the program. Interns will have the option of conducting a small "pull-out" group for specific ADSC participants. The group may focus on reminiscence, cognitive stimulation, or other therapeutic activities.

Somos Amigos, Our Spanish Language Program is designed to offer the same level of engagement, mental stimulation, exercise-strength training and recreation that our English program offers. Somos Amigos ("we are friends") is a diverse group, embracing the cultures and celebrating the traditions of Mexico, Central and South America. We offer two days a week of Spanish language activities. All the internship activities mentioned above are offered through Somos Amigos.

Within the ADSC, we offer a 2 day/week program for individuals with early memory loss called WISEMinds. This research-informed program is comprised of a group of 8—12 individuals who take a proactive approach to memory loss. Interns may rotate through this program, contributing to each client's assessment (in conjunction with our mental health services) and offering one or two program activities each month commensurate with the cognitive capabilities and interests of our group. Curriculum development for these activities will be supervised by our Director of Community Aging Resources and Education.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

The ADSC involves biopsychosocial assessments with a "micro" focus on client behaviors and needs, however, there are plenty of "mezzo" and "macro" experiences interwoven into the program which further the independence and support of client's lives.

WISE and Healthy Aging – Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays required
Format of stipend	\$5,000, non-taxed stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	None, Spanish preferred
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's License and Personal Vehicle
Insurance	Driver's Insurance and Malpractice Insurance
Other	Must complete background check with LBPD
Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
HEART provides case management, individual and group counseling, legal system advocacy (attending court, helping to write victim impact statements, getting restraining orders filed) and some emergency funds to elder and dependent adult abuse survivors. This program incorporates pre- and post-testing for depression, anxiety, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Services are primarily provided in client's homes or at the Long Beach office. The program is additionally co-located at the Long Beach Police Department. The program conducts weekly tele- support groups for survivors of abuse. GSWEC student would be offered the opportunity to participate in the aforementioned roles alongside HEART staff. Additionally, a GSWEC student will be able to conduct trainings to community groups about how to detect abuse and access available resources if one becomes a victim.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *Educational Presentations *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *In-home *Hospital *Community *Congregate Living *Community-based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting *Other: Wherever the client is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalized Patients *Residents in Congregate Living, *Caregivers, *Veterans, *Staff/Professionals *Homeless

WISE and Healthy Aging – Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team

Opportunity:

Elder abuse prevention and intervention in community settings: This internship opportunity will support elder and dependent adult abuse survivors through the Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team (HEART), a function of the WISE & Healthy Aging Elder Abuse Prevention Program. HEART provides case management, individual and group counseling, legal system advocacy (attending court, helping to write victim impact statements, getting restraining orders filed) and some emergency funds to elder and dependent adult abuse survivors. This program incorporates pre- and post-testing for depression, anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, isolation and loneliness, and a mental status exam. Services are primarily provided in client's homes or at the Long Beach or Santa Monica offices. The program is additionally co-located at the Long Beach Police Department. The program conducts weekly tele- support groups for survivors of romance scams. GSWEC student would be offered the opportunity to participate in the aforementioned roles alongside HEART staff. Additionally, a GSWEC student will be able to conduct trainings to community groups about how to detect abuse and access available resources if one becomes a victim.

Exposure to the elder justice multidisciplinary teams may include all or any of the following:

Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center: GSWEC students will have the opportunity to attend meetings to observe this multidisciplinary team that meets weekly to review, consult and take action on the most egregious elder abuse cases in the County. The team is comprised of a geriatrician, neuropsychologist, Adult Protective Services, Ombudsman, Public Guardian, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Sheriff's Department, other local law enforcement jurisdictions, Department of Mental Health, and the Victim Witness Program.

Los Angeles County Elder Death Review Team: Co-chaired by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's and Coroner's Office Chief Medical Examiner; the team reviews suspicious deaths that involve elders or defendant adults. Cases are brought forward by law enforcement and the Ombudsman. GSWEC students will have the opportunity to attend this meeting.

SCAMS LA Workgroup: Co-chaired by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. This group brings together professionals from state, federal, and local public and private agencies who investigate or provide services to victims of mass marketing scams that target older adults. These meetings provide opportunity to network with a variety of professionals and conduct training on topics that are relevant to this group.

City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force meetings and Abuse in Later Life Ad Hoc Committee meeting attendance.

Macro projects policy, advocacy, and outreach: Rotations will be available to support the policy and advocacy efforts of the Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention Programs. A few examples of the types of assignments: Help with the coordination of the City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force Abuse in Later Life Ad Hoc Committee; co-chaired by the City Attorney's Office and WISE & Healthy Aging.

The committee seeks to conduct training and link service providers in the elder justice and domestic violence intervention networks to support more cohesive responses to abuse in later life.

Legislative education and advocacy: Engage in letter writing to support or oppose legislation, conduct visits in district to educate legislators on the impact of budget packages, legislation, and policy implications. Additionally, GSWEC students will have the opportunity to engage with statewide advocacy organizations like the California Elder Justice Coalition and the California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association.

Additional Networking and Training opportunities: GSWEC students will have opportunities to attend select webinars/trainings offered throughout the county.

WISE and Healthy Aging – Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team

Unique Aspects of Placement:

The HEART program at WISE & Healthy Aging is the only program of its kind in Los Angeles and one of a handful in the nation that is providing comprehensive services to elder abuse survivors. It is one of two programs that is being funded in the state of California to provide comprehensive victim services to elder abuse survivors.

*Mileage reimbursement will be provided to GSWEC students in accordance with the agency's mileage reimbursement policy that currently reflects the Federal mileage reimbursement rate.

WISE and Healthy Aging – In-Home Services/Care Management

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays required
Format of stipend	\$5,000, non-taxed stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	None
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's License and Personal Vehicle
Insurance	Driver's Insurance and Malpractice Insurance

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Advocacy *Crisis Intervention *Case Management - Short-Term *Family *End of Life *Information and Referral *Group	*Administrative/Project Management *Program Development *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Educational Presentations *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community *Community-Based Agency	*Community Dwelling Older Adults *Caregivers *Veterans

WISE and Healthy Aging – In-Home Services/Care Management

Opportunity:

While working in Care Management, our ultimate goal with clients is to reduce isolation while connecting clients to needed resources. Each intern will be trained to provide comprehensive care management services which include completion of a very thorough biopsychosocial assessment for clients, development of a written Care Plan with measurable outcomes, arrangement and coordination of services, and client follow-up to monitor the effectiveness of the services. Interns will assist with monthly monitoring through telephone calls and home visits. They will also learn how to determine eligibility for clients and apply for needed benefits such as Medi-Cal, Cal Fresh (food stamps), LIHEAP (for utilities) as well as many other programs and services for older and disabled adults.

When working in Information and Referral, interns will be required to answer phone calls and greet visitors seeking resources while evaluating needs to determine what services are required. Interns will refer callers and visitors to the most appropriate internal agency programs or local and community-based programs, including referral services statewide and nationally, as needed.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Care Management involves biopsychosocial assessments with a "micro" focus on client behaviors and needs, however, there are plenty of "mezzo" and "macro" experiences interwoven into each program which further the independence and support of client's lives.

*Mileage reimbursement will be provided to GSWEC students in accordance with the agency's mileage reimbursement policy that currently reflects the Federal mileage reimbursement rate.

WISE and Healthy Aging – Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

- Long Beach Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 4300 Long Beach Blvd, Suite 440, Long Beach, 90807
 - Santa Monica Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 1527 4th St., 2nd Floor, Santa Monica, 90401
 - Pasadena Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 2700 E Foothill Blvd, Ste 301. Pasadena, CA. 91107
- Montebello/Downtown LA Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 1493 N. Montebello Blvd, Suite 104, Montebello, 90640
 - Van Nuys Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: 16461 Sherman Way, Suite 177, Van Nuys, 91406
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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday Required
Format of stipend	\$5,000, non-taxed stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	None, Preferred languages include Farsi, Russian, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish
Lifescan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	No
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's License and Personal Vehicle
Insurance	Driver's Insurance and Malpractice Insurance
Other	No current or past employment in a long-term care setting within the last 12 months

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Advocacy *Crisis Intervention *Case Management - Short-Term *Family *End of Life *Information and Referral *Group	*Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Educational Presentations
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
Long-term care facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living)	*Residents of long-term care facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living)

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Opportunity:

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is designed to provide independent oversight over the quality of care in long term care facilities by advocating for resident's health, safety, welfare and rights. Its federally mandated activities include, but are not limited to, complaint investigation, unannounced monitoring visits to licensed long term care facilities, community education, resident and family education. Ombudsman in the state of California also are called to witness advance health care directives executed by residents in skilled nursing facilities; receive mandatory reports of elder and dependent adult abuse and conduct preliminary abuse investigations.

GSWEC students who have the interest, the skill level and capabilities will have additional opportunities to select from that are distinct from traditional internship assignments. The following are distinct GSWEC opportunities:

Elder and dependent adult abuse in long-term care settings: GSWEC students with the necessary capabilities will be additionally trained to conduct elder and dependent adult abuse investigations.

Exposure to elder justice multidisciplinary teams will vary by County where internship takes place. In Los Angeles County, the Elder Abuse Forensic Center will allow GSWEC students the opportunity to attend meetings to observe or to present a case if that is deemed a necessary intervention. The Forensic Center is multidisciplinary team that meets weekly to review, consult and take action on the most egregious elder abuse cases in the County. The team is comprised of a geriatrician, neuropsychologist, APS, Ombudsman, Public Guardian, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, Sherriff's Department, other local law enforcement jurisdictions, Department of Mental Health and other community-based organizations.

Macro projects policy, advocacy, and outreach: Rotations will vary by County of internship placement and may include supporting policy and advocacy efforts of the Ombudsman and Elder Abuse Prevention Programs. A few examples of the types of assignments: Help with the coordination of the County of Los Angeles Abuse in Later Life Learning Collaborative; co-chaired by the LA Department of Public Health and WISE & Healthy Aging. The committee seeks to conduct training and link service providers in the elder justice and domestic violence intervention networks to support more cohesive responses to abuse in later life.

Legislative education and advocacy: Engage in letter writing to support or oppose legislation, conduct visits in district to educate legislators on the impact of budget packages, legislation, and policy implications. Additionally, GSWEC students will have the opportunity to engage with statewide advocacy organizations like the California Elder Justice Coalition, the California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association, and attend state level advocacy meetings with the regulatory agencies to deal with systemic issues that arise from the field.

Mental health focused rotation. Regular visitation at an Institution for Mentally Disabled (IMD), a locked nursing facility that serves individuals with dementing illnesses and also individuals who have persistent mental illness that require intensive treatment. Some of these facilities have forensic units and clients are ordered to stay at the facility in lieu of time in prison.

Additional Networking and Training opportunities: GSWEC students will have opportunities to attend select webinars/trainings offered throughout the county.

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Unique Aspects of Placement:

WISE & Healthy Aging is the sole contractor of Long-Term Care Ombudsman Services in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. It is the 2nd largest Ombudsman program in the nation. The Ombudsman internship is robust with learning opportunities and whose ethics are in alignment with and mirror social work ethics. It is an ideal placement for student professional development and exploration in the field of aging.

*Mileage reimbursement will be provided to GSWEC students in accordance with the agency's mileage reimbursement policy that currently reflects the Federal mileage reimbursement rate.