



2026 GSWEC Student Practicum Guide

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The Geriatric Social Work Education Consortium (GSWEC) is a collaboration among eight graduate schools of social work and fifteen community agencies specializing in services for older adults in the Greater Los Angeles area. GSWEC was established in 1999 to provide aging-focused second year practicum placements and competency-driven geriatric social work practicum education. GSWEC practicums are structured to provide social work graduate students with a well-rounded experience serving older adults. We hope this guide will assist you in selecting and participating in an eligible practicum placement.

The GSWEC program includes the following participating universities and practicum agencies:

Southern California Graduate Schools of Social Work

- 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 Practicum Education

- AltaMed
- Alzheimer's Los Angeles
- Alzheimer's Orange County
- 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
- VA Long Beach Healthcare System
- WISE & Healthy Aging

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the advantage of selecting GSWEC for my practicum?

- GSWEC is well recognized among employers and alumni are sought after as employees.
- Students receive supplemental training in geriatric social work, guided by nationally recognized geriatric social work competencies.
- Placements offer micro, mezzo and macro practice experience.
- Students can gain a broader practicum experience with an associate site rotation if so desired.
- Students have the opportunity to network with other GSWEC students and alumni.

What practicum placement settings does GSWEC offer?

- GSWEC offers micro, mezzo and macro placement opportunities at its practicum agencies.
- Placement settings include but are not limited to:
 - Mental Health
 - Hospital/Medical
 - Community-Based Organizations
 - Congregate Living (Residential and Skilled Nursing)
 - Outpatient Health Setting
 - Adult Day Health Care
 - Community/Unhoused Settings
 - Health Maintenance Organizations

Do GSWEC placements offer stipends?

- All GSWEC agencies provide a minimum stipend of \$4,000 for second-year practicum students. See the [Agency Program Descriptions](#) in this guide and ask agency representatives for details regarding stipends.

What are the GSWEC Geriatric Social Work Didactics?

- All GSWEC students participate in three free, all-day Geriatric Social Work Seminars during the placement year. The seminar location may be virtual or in-person and local travel to other sites may be required. Seminars typically include presentations and discussions with academic and professional experts, practicum instructors and GSWEC alumni. The seminars broaden students' learning and provide exposure to deeper aspects of geriatric social work. Topics vary from year to year, but typically include subjects such as:
 - Biopsychosocial aspects of aging
 - Brain health and dementia
 - Caregiving
 - Mental Health
 - Cultural and age cohort diversity
 - Substance Abuse
 - Palliative and end of life care
 - Sexual health

Does GSWEC require work payback post-graduation?

- 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!

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

- Yes, check with your university as to the number of interviews allowed. Before you schedule practicum interviews you should review the GSWEC Guide to get basic information about agencies, this will help you more effectively focus your placement search.

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

- GSWEC developed "Geriatric Social Work Competencies" as a foundation for geriatric practicum placement experiences. GSWEC Practicum 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 does GSWEC look for when selecting applicants?

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

What should I be prepared to provide during a practicum agency interview?

- You should be prepared to provide a hard or electronic copy of your GSWEC application and your resume. Also remember that whether in-person or virtually, a professional appearance will help you present a positive image.

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

- Yes, if the placement meets the criteria for CAL-SWEC II Mental Health stipend. However, 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?

- Obtain an application from the GSWEC practicum liaison at your university.
- Attend the GSWEC Open House virtually via Zoom to learn more about GSWEC and practicum opportunities.
- Submit the GSWEC Application to your university GSWEC Liaison by your university's deadline.
- Schedule interviews with GSWEC agencies that interest you during the interview window.

2026 GSWEC Practicum Placement Opportunities

- [AltaMed Health Services – PACE Program](#)
- [Alzheimer’s Los Angeles](#)
- [Alzheimer’s Orange County](#)
- [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 – MPTF Campus](#)
- [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](#)
- [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](#)
- [Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center](#)
- [WISE and Healthy Aging – Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team](#)
- [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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Carrie Xu Han, LCSW, PACE Social Work Manager

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

Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday-Friday, 8a-5p
Format of stipend	\$5000 paid in 2 installments at the end of each semester (December & April)
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	No, virtual interview
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	Spanish or Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese) preferred but not required
Live scan/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>
*Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment *Counseling (supportive and psychoeducational, NOT clinical therapy) *Crisis Intervention *Family Support *End of Life Care (advance directives, palliative care, hospice, bereavement support) *Case Management – Short Term & Long Term (includes but not limited to government benefits and entitlements, housing, food insecurity, ancillary services, financial, legal, etc.) *Discharge Planning *Group (both in-person and virtual support groups) *Other: Care planning, working with interdisciplinary team, electronic medical record navigation, medical terminology	*Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Policy *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Other: Quality improvement, regulatory compliance
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting *Health Maintenance Organization (AltaMed is the participant's HMO as well as their medical care provider) *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) *Mental Health (Focus on integration of behavioral health with physical/medical health care coordination in collaboration with IDT)	*Medically Frail, Community Dwelling Older Adults *Hospitalized Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers, family members *Veterans *Chronically Mentally Ill *Ethnic/Special Groups: Low-income, underserved communities, many are monolingual (Mainly Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog)

AltaMed Health Services – PACE Program

Opportunity:

With a foundation in active civic engagement, AltaMed has spent the last 55 years working to eliminate disparities in health care access and outcomes. Its mission is to deliver superior quality health and human services through an integrated care model, primarily serving Latino, multi-ethnic, and often-overlooked communities in Southern California.

AltaMed provides comprehensive services for the entire family, including primary medical care, dental clinics, and specialized senior care through its nationally recognized **Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)**. Interns will have the unique opportunity to contribute directly to one of AltaMed's 16 PACE/ACS sites, located across Los Angeles and Orange Counties, including Long Beach, South LA (Watts), Huntington Park, Lynwood, Norwalk, Covina, El Monte, East LA, DTLA/Chinatown, Anaheim, and Santa Ana.

The PACE program offers a distinct and innovative approach to senior care, enabling chronically ill and frail seniors to live safely and with dignity in their own homes while receiving 24/7 medical and social services. As an intern, you will gain hands-on experience in a variety of areas, including:

- Conducting bio-psychosocial assessments and developing care plans.
- Case management, community-based and internal behavioral health referrals, and discharge planning.
- Facilitating psycho-educational and therapeutic groups.
- Collaborating within an interdisciplinary team of health and social service professionals.

Additionally, interns will engage with families and caregivers of PACE participants, supporting them through assessment processes, discussions around advanced life planning, and the creation of individualized care plans. This internship offers an unparalleled opportunity to integrate classroom learning with direct practice in a real-world setting. Students will leave the program with invaluable experience in holistic care, a deeper understanding of diverse populations, and the skills to drive meaningful change in health and human services.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

The **PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)** program is built on the belief that seniors with chronic care needs thrive best when supported in their communities. This innovative care model empowers participants aged 55 and older to live safely and independently at home, even while meeting nursing home-level care criteria. Notably, only about 7% of PACE participants nationally reside in nursing homes, demonstrating the program's success in maintaining community-based care. For those who do require nursing home services, PACE covers the cost and continues to coordinate all aspects of their care. AltaMed PACE participants benefit from a holistic suite of services, including:

- Adult day care with recreational therapy and nutritious meals.
- Door-to-door transportation for medical appointments and day care.
- Physical and occupational therapies to maintain mobility and independence.
- Dietary and nutritional counseling tailored to individual needs.
- Comprehensive social services and emotional counseling.
- Primary medical care and acute symptom management.
- Home care services to support daily living.
- All necessary prescription drugs, palliative care, and hospice services.
- Specialized medical services such as audiology, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, and speech therapy.
- Respite care to support family caregivers.
- Hospital and nursing home care, when necessary.

AltaMed PACE also invests in interns' professional development through:

- Ongoing training in quality and process improvement initiatives.
- Dedicated supervision and mentorship from experienced Social Workers. This placement is ideal for students seeking to develop expertise in innovative senior care, community-based interventions, and interdisciplinary teamwork, all while making a meaningful impact in the lives of underserved populations.

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
Live scan/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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Crisis Intervention *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Support Services *Disease Education *Groups *Individuals and Families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community-Based Organization; mostly virtual but some in-office work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Caregivers and Families *Ethnic/Special Groups: Ethnically diverse groups across Los Angeles; people in early stages of Alzheimer's disease and their care partners *Professionals

Alzheimer's Los Angeles

Opportunity:

Depending on the project/area that the student selects, they will have the opportunity to observe and learn about people experiencing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. They will develop a deep knowledge of the symptoms and progression of the disease and how families and friends cope with a loved one's diagnosis. The student might lead one of our early-stage groups and participate in developing our annual Early Memory Loss Conference. They may decide to focus more on working with individuals and families who are caring for someone in the Middle or Late stages of the disease, a time when behaviors can be very challenging. Carrying a clinical caseload includes providing ongoing support, disease education, coaching the caregivers on new ways to respond to the person with dementia, and ensuring that they are connected with community resources. Or the student might want to spend time out in the community, making connections with other providers, programs and agencies that also serve our clients, as well as delivering educational talks to the general public about Alzheimer's disease or a specific 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 American/Asian-Pacific Islander community and the Latinx Community. For those who have an interest in public policy, visits to legislators to advocate for people affected by Alzheimer's disease might be part of their experience as well as learning more about the role local, state, and national government plays in the lives of our families. And a student looking into a more macro focus may have the opportunity to work on such areas as 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 Los Angeles is the variety of opportunities available to students. In addition to training students to become dementia care experts, an area of geriatric social work which is of critical importance in the upcoming years, 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 entire staff are invested in making their time here a positive and meaningful learning experience, and the social workers that supervise the students have years of experience behind them. That are committed to the students' learning and make themselves available to the students far beyond the weekly supervision hour. At Alzheimer's Los Angeles, 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
Live scan/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.

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.

Beach Cities Health District

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 Redondo Beach, CA 90277
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 Phone: 310-374-3426
 Website: www.bchd.org/

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
Live scan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Driver's license and personal vehicle
Insurance	Driver's insurance, no malpractice insurance

Placement Characteristics	
Direct Practice	Macro
<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
Setting	Population
<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

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.

The Community Services Department provides services to improve the quality of life and maintain the independence of older adult residents and residents with disabilities within the Beach Cities. Care Management is available for older adults (ages 60+) and adults with disabilities (ages 18-59) living in Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach or Redondo Beach.

Under the guidance of their practicum instructor, interns carry a caseload of Care Management clients, many of whom present with medical complexity, functional limitations, dementia or cognitive impairment, and/or co-occurring mental health conditions. Interns provide intensive case management, including assessment, care plan development, clinical advocacy, and coordination of services across medical, mental health, and long-term care systems.

Interns engage with clients and caregivers through regular in-home and community-based contacts, connect clients to services such as subsidized in-home care and emergency response systems, and assist with applications for public benefits including Medi-Cal, CalFresh, IHSS, Social Security, and VA benefits. Students may also provide short-term supportive counseling, conduct specialized visits with clients living with dementia, and participate in caregiver support groups and community education programs.

This placement offers exposure to cross-sector collaboration, including partnerships with city governments, healthcare systems, older adult service providers, and community-based organizations. Interns may also interface with first responders and alternative crisis response teams, gaining firsthand experience in coordinated responses to complex medical, cognitive, and mental health needs.

Macro learning opportunities are available, including participation in the development, facilitation, and evaluation of community programs. Interns are integrated into the agency through participation in agency-wide meetings, exposure to public-sector healthcare operations and Board meetings, and ongoing clinical training provided by experienced social workers.

Huntington Health Senior Care Network

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	No
Live scan/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 *Case Management – Long Term (MSSP/ALW only) *Information & Referral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Grant Writing *Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning *Utilization Review
<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 *Hospital Patients *Resident in Congregate Living *Caregivers *Veterans *Staff/Professionals *Chronically Mentally Ill *People experiencing homelessness *Diverse 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 may 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 and Jona Goldrich 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
Live scan/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 and Jonah Goldrich Multipurpose Senior Center

Opportunity:

Founded in 1854, the Hebrew Benevolent Society became Jewish Family Service in 1946 to reflect its wide array of services. Today, Jewish Family Service LA has earned a national and international reputation as a model for excellence in services for children, families, people experiencing food insecurity, people in need of mental health assistance, individuals with diverse abilities, survivors of domestic abuse, and older adults, and more.

We provide three types of case management programs to make sure seniors who live in our catchment areas continue to age safely and independently in their homes. Those programs are: LA Department of Aging IIB Program, Holocaust Survivors Program, and Beverly Hills Program. Through our in-person or phone Intakes, an assigned Social Worker provides information and referral, consultation, crisis intervention, assistance with completing forms and applying for grants or governmental benefits and offer other short- term interventions.

The Intern will carry a caseload of clients from one or more case management programs and will be assigned to an Intake duty on a weekly basis. The Intern will learn how to complete home visits, administer bio-psycho-social assessments, and create care plans. They will learn to assess suicidality, depression, level of cognition, and other mental health issues. The Intern will learn how to complete grant applications and how to advocate on clients' behalf. The Intern will learn how to complete proper documentation in our Evolv client database and will be trained about governmental benefits for low-income seniors as well as many other community resources. The Intern will be part of the social work staff team and will attend all staff meetings and trainings offered on the days they are at their internships. Finally, the Intern may have the opportunity to co-facilitate a support group.

A typical day may consist of doing one or more home visits with clients or staying in the office to meet with Intake clients or answer Intake phone calls. It may include attending a staff meeting or training as well as completing needed documentation for a client, such as assessments, care plans, progress notes, check requests, grant applications and other needed paperwork. Interns also will be meeting for one-hour formal supervision with their instructors and informally with their preceptors for additional trainings.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Interns will be trained together with staff about various community resources and how to complete applications for Cal Fresh, Medical, and In Home Supportive Services through ongoing presentations offered at staff meetings by internal programs as well as external agencies such as Center for Health Care Rights and Bet Tzedek. Interns will also have the unique opportunity to work with Holocaust survivors and their families and/or with caregivers of those with memory impairment and chronic health issues.

Motion Picture and Television Fund – Elder Connection Program

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 Website: <https://mptf.com/>

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
Live scan/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) 	
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Community *Congregate Living *Outpatient Health Setting 	<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 – 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 intern would assist the "industry member", their families and/or caregivers as they face a myriad of issues related to aging. The intern 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, financial assistance, crisis intervention, psychoeducation around the aging process and end of life issues and concerns 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 may be delivered through office visits, home visits, or telehealth. The Intern will experience working with clients in community home settings, assisted living facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. 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:

For 103 years, MPTF has been supporting 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. 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.

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 – MPTF Campus

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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
Live scan/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 – MPTF Campus

Opportunity:

MPTF offers a wide range of housing accommodations from independent and assisted living through skilled nursing and memory care on their 44-acre campus in Woodland Hills. The student would have the opportunity to intern at either the residential living section of campus or MPTF's skilled nursing facility, both of which is the home to many retired entertainment industry professionals.

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 interdisciplinary team professionals involved in the care of MPTF's residents. The intern will have the opportunity to work with various modalities, including individuals, couples' caregivers and families. Services provided may include comprehensive case management, crisis intervention, supportive counseling, psychoeducation and providing therapy to the residents around both the aging process and end of life issues. 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 has served the entertainment community for 103 years. In 1921, our founder Mary Pickford led the charge with the foundational commitment to "take care of our own," and the concept that for our community members, "we see a need and we fill it." That spirit has only evolved and strengthened over the years. MPTF is much more than a retirement home; it is a community of people helping people. Within our broader community, across a continuum of all ages, needs, and professional focus, the commitment to creativity is clear. We believe this unique quality is an opportunity for robust intergenerational engagement and to explore living the best life possible, in ever evolving ways.

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
Live scan/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:

Over 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 103 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
Live scan/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 *End of Life Care *Case Management – Short Term *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral *Group (possible)	*Educational Presentations *Program Evaluation *Event Planning
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community-Based Agency *Outpatient Health Setting *Residential Care 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 – Palliative Care Program

Opportunity:

Palliative Care is a recognized medical specialty for the care and support of persons with serious, chronic and life-threatening conditions. It can be provided at any stage in an illness and aims to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family. The student would have the opportunity to intern with MPTF's Palliative Care Program providing palliative care services to entertainment industry professionals and their families as part of an interdisciplinary team. 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 interdisciplinary 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 work intern works 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. Services may be delivered through office visits, home visits, or telehealth. 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 Palliative Care program has served thousands of industry members over the years. Over 70% of our patients live in the community, and the rest live on our Wasserman Campus in Woodland Hills. The national palliative care guidelines, still relatively new in the medical community, were adopted at MPTF in 2004. Since then, MPTF has remained at the forefront of America's palliative care initiative. Since 2004, our Palliative Care Program has been involved with CAPC (the Center to Advance Palliative Care), a national resource for palliative care providers, developers, and innovators. The program has been honored with the California Hospital Association's "Best Practices Award," Aging Services of California's "Quality First" award, and a commendation from The National Consensus Project for "Quality Palliative Care Leadership."

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
Live scan/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 practicum 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
Live scan/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, and 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, Pasadena Older Adult Services, SA 4

Tentative for 2026-2027

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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
Live scan/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, Pasadena, 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	English
Live scan/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

Opportunities:

The GSWEC student will be involved in the implementation of the City and County of Los Angeles III-D Evidence-Based Programs for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. The GSWEC student will be trained as a workshop leader for a maximum of two evidence-based programs, which may include: the Chronic Disease Self-Management program, A Matter of Balance, Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, or Arthritis Foundation Walk with Ease. The student will co-lead these workshops, provide community outreach/marketing, and assist with program development.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

This internship provides the opportunity to provide services in many diverse locations throughout the City and County of Los Angeles and to work with many ethnic populations. As a workshop co-leader, you will work with many staff throughout your internship, each providing you with mentorship and sharing their own professional style with you.

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	English, Spanish preferred
Live scan/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) Medi-Cal Waiver services medically fragile participants ranging in age from infants to older adults. HCBA allows Medi-Cal beneficiaries with high level care needs to continue to live in the community by identifying and ensuring they receive services that will sustain their health and safety outside of an institution. HCBA will provide the student an opportunity to develop the following competencies: psychosocial assessments, home safety evaluations, crisis intervention, care plan development, interdisciplinary team meetings, referrals and services, care plan implementation, field visits, collaboration and partnering with various waiver service providers, and other opportunities for professional development.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Case Assignments for student interns may include up to (10) participants 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 living in the community.

Partners in Care Foundation – Multipurpose Senior Services Program

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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	English, Spanish preferred
Live scan/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, field visits, collaboration, care plan implementation, partnering with Medicaid funded health management organizations through California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), and other opportunities for professional development.

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Case Assignments for student interns may include up to ten participants with responsibilities to include: care conferencing, monthly phone contacts, home visits, progress recordings of all contacts, and providing and monitoring referrals and services to frail seniors over 65 years of age who wish to remain at home.

SCAN Health Plan

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays and Thursdays – 8-hour days
Format of stipend	One payment at the end of internship
Work Study	None prior to starting internship
Site-Based Interview	Both, in-person or virtual interviews are available
US Citizenship	Legally authorized to work in the US is sufficient
Language	English/other second languages welcome
Live scan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	Yes
Insurance	Yes

Placement Characteristics	
<i>Direct Practice</i>	<i>Macro</i>
*Counseling *DSM Diagnosis *Case Management – Long Term *Information & Referral	*Community Outreach/Marketing
<i>Setting</i>	<i>Population</i>
*Community Based Agency *Mental Health	*Community Dwelling Older Adults *Homeless

SCAN Health Plan

Opportunity:

There are two possible placements within SCAN:

- 1) At Independence at Home (IAH), which is the community services arm of SCAN Health Plan. Services are provided to the community at large (Not SCAN Members) under the following categories:
 - a. Case Management
 - i. MSSP (Medical-waiver program) – 65 plus with Medical and functional deficits.
 - ii. Homeless Services program – 55+ experiencing housing insecurity.
 - b. Behavioral Health Services – 55+ and family caregivers of 55+ having difficulties accessing BH services anywhere else.
- 2) SCAN Health Plan, a Medicare Advantage Health Plan.
 - a. Possible Case Management Setting

Unique Aspects of Placement:

- Both settings provide MSW Interns with the opportunity to complete their internships in the Long Beach and surrounding areas.
- Interns will benefit from learning from our interdisciplinary teams, which includes MSW's, LCSW's, RN's, Gerontologists, and Case Managers, on both Settings (SCAN and IAH).

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
Live scan/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 & West Los Angeles Healthcare Center

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Weekdays, 8:00am – 4:30pm
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	None
Live scan/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 & West Los Angeles Healthcare Center

Opportunity:

VA operates the largest and most comprehensive clinical training program for social workers. VA is affiliated with over 230 graduate schools of social work and train approximately 1,500 master's in social work interns a year.

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.

We strongly recommend attending the GSWEC Open House (February) and the VA GSWEC Open House (March) for up-to-date information on placement opportunities, as there could be additional options not listed below.

CONTRACT NURSING HOME AND ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM – SEPULVEDA

This is a great opportunity for a social work intern to work with Veterans who are authorized services at various VA contracted nursing homes and Adult Day Health Care facilities in the community. The social work intern will be responsible to provide a variety of services including but not limited to psychosocial assessments, facilitate placements, discharge planning, case management, advocacy, psychosocial education, and coordinating linkages with appropriate VA and community service providers / agencies as needed. The internship may involve visiting Veteran's in the community throughout the GLAHS catchment area.

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE (CRC) PROGRAM - SEPULVEDA

CRC housing is group home or residential facility, where health care supervision is provided to individuals in a residential setting rather than their own home or family's home, because the person is unable to live independently, due to medical or psychiatric conditions, and may not have social support to provide the needed supervision and supportive care. The CRC Program offers case management services for Veteran residents in VA-approved CRC facilities, and oversight of VA-approved facilities. The social work intern in this program will work closely with the CRC placement coordinator to provide services to Veteran's from both an inpatient and outpatient perspective.

MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC- SEPULVEDA

The Social Work Intern will 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 providing linkages to VA and community-based resources. The Social Work Intern will 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; will also Learn / implement Cognitive Behavioral and Mindfulness modalities.

PATIENT ALIGNED CARE TEAM SEPULVEDA (PACT)

The Social Work Intern will assess and treat the complicated psychosocial problems of Veterans, families, and caregivers in an outpatient primary care setting. The intern will 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.

The intern will 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.

GERIATRIC PATIENT ALIGNED CARE TEAM SEPULVEDA (GERI-PACT)

Geri-PACT is a primary care clinic focused specifically on working with older adults with memory impairment. The Social Worker in this clinic will work with an interdisciplinary team to provide care for the Veteran and their caregivers. This placement will involve the same functions as the PACT Social Work position listed above, with a concentrated focus on geriatrics.

PREOPERATIVE CLINIC - WEST LOS ANGELES

The WLA Pre-op clinic is an outpatient clinic. The clinic provides in-person and telephone pre-op evaluations. The social worker in the Pre-op clinic will be providing education and information to Veterans about Advance Directive. The SW Intern will assess and assist with various psychosocial and case management needs and provide supportive interventions as needed. Intern will also have an opportunity to provide social work interventions on the inpatient Med-Surg. Units. Some of the duties would include: complete psychosocial assessments, case management, collaborating with inpatient treatment teams, discharge planning.

Unique Aspects of VA Social Work Internship 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.

Interns are not eligible for the Federal Employee Retirement System. However, if an intern later becomes a federal employee, time spent in internship status can be credited toward retirement. The VA is interested in offering jobs to former interns, and they are encouraged to apply for federal employment, which would begin after completion of degree requirements.

Loma Linda VA Healthcare System

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Practicum Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Monday, Wednesday, & Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm
Format of stipend	\$7500 for 500 hours
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	English
Life scan/Fingerprint	Yes
TB Test	Yes
Driver's License/Vehicle	No specific agency requirements.
Insurance	No specific agency requirements.

Practicum 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 *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *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 *Mental Health *Outpatient Health Setting *Health Maintenance Organization 	<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:

Loma Linda VA Healthcare System

Opportunity:

The VA placement options listed below are not guaranteed every academic training year. Placements are dependent on learning team availability in those designated areas. Changes may be made to placement options and potential learning teams up until SW HPTs arrival onsite.

Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) – Redlands, Palm Desert

This team provides psychoeducation, crisis intervention, advocacy, high quality case management services, outreach activities, and coordination of linkages to other appropriate VA or community services as needed within a primary care setting. This team completes biopsychosocial assessments and develops treatment plans in collaboration with Veteran, family, and interdisciplinary team. This team provides extensive education to providers, Veteran, and caregivers about Advance Care Planning, including end of life planning. This team engages Veterans and Caregivers in discussion regarding POLST, DNR, Hospice Care and Palliative Care. This team completes the following clinical screeners: PHQ2, PHQ9, PTSD, DEPRESSION, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, SUICIDE, MST (Military Sexual Trauma) and refer out as appropriate. This team uses social work skills such as Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, and Solution-Focused therapy.

Inpatient Medical Social Work – Loma Linda

The Inpatient Medical Social Work SW HPT will be part of an interprofessional team. The SW HPT will be involved in assessment, referrals and linkage, case management, crisis intervention, high risk screening and transitional planning for Veterans with a wide variety of medical, psychosocial, and psychiatric symptoms. The SW HPT will provide support to the patient and his/her family and collaborate with the team to formulate placement options that may include community nursing home, assisted living facility, homemaker, or other services. SW HPTs will be involved with coordinating/facilitating family meetings and providing supportive and psycho-educational services to Veterans and families. The Inpatient Medical Social Work placement will provide an array of experience with Veterans of different ages, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Healthcare For Homeless Veterans Program (HCHV) – Loma Linda

The HCHV Program is designed to end homelessness among Veterans through outreach efforts and linkage to both VA and community resources. The focus is on the underlying problems that may have led to homelessness and address those issues from a clinical case management perspective. The SW HPT in this placement will provide continuity of care for homeless Veterans through prevention, outreach, education, treatment, housing resources, supportive services, community partnerships, clinical case management and referrals for substance abuse, medical and mental health treatment, employment, and benefits. The primary focus of this placement is clinical case management. Ending Veteran homelessness is not a task that the VA can do independently, it is a joint effort with the community, therefore there is an opportunity for macro social work experience with participation in community meetings focused on ending Veteran homelessness at the county level.

Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PC-MHI) - Murrieta

This team utilizes a collaborative approach to address Veterans' mental health concerns within a primary care setting. Treatment and interventions typically focus on health-related concerns including but not limited to the following: stress, depression, relational problems, and other psychosocial issues. SW HPTs will provide brief individual therapy (up to 6 sessions), psycho-educational classes, mental health triage and referrals. They will gain valuable experience and training using such modalities as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Motivational Interviewing (MI).

Outpatient Mental Health (BHIP) - Redlands

The Outpatient Mental Health SW HPT will be a part of an interprofessional team within the Mental Health Service in the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP). The SW HPT will be involved in treating Veterans with complex psychiatric problems, which will afford the opportunity to refine diagnostic skills, gain experience working with complicated and challenging Veterans through individual and group therapy, provide treatment planning, enhance generalist training and hone skills within specialty areas. As a part of the team, the SW HPT will be exposed to time-

limited, evidence-based treatment (including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Motivational Interviewing) for adults and older adults with a wide range of mental health disorders and other challenges. The primary role of a trainee placed in this program is to complete intake assessments and provide individual and group therapy

Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC)/Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM) - Redlands

PRRC and MHICM are recovery-oriented specialty programs that facilitate individual and group therapy, community outings, peer support, recreation therapy, spirituality, and vocational rehabilitation services for veterans diagnosed with severe mental illnesses. PRRC specifically also boasts a supplementary IOP track of care, “CORE (Co-Occurring Recovery & Empowerment),” for veterans who are dually diagnosed with a severe mental illness as well as a substance use disorder. In contrast, MHICM offers in-home and/or community visits to support veterans who are unable to engage in traditional outpatient mental health treatment(s). The SW HPT assigned to the PRRC/MHICM placement will have the opportunity to facilitate group and short-term individual therapy for veterans with severe mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders, complete intake assessments, treatment planning, as well as other case management activities as indicated. The SW HPT will also participate in interdisciplinary case consultation meetings attended by clinical social workers, registered nurses, a recreational therapist, a chaplain, a psychiatrist, a pharmacist, and vocational rehabilitation specialists.

Substance Treatment and Recovery Program (STAR) - Redlands

The STAR SW HPT will be part of an interprofessional team providing outpatient addictions treatment. They will have the opportunity to hone their skills in the areas of assessment, treatment planning, individual therapy, group therapy, case management and crisis intervention. The SW HPT will also gain experience in providing PTSD treatments in the STAR PTSD Track also known as STRIPE (STAR Trauma Recovery Integration Program and Education). The STRIPE track will expose the SW HPT to various psychoeducation topics to treat PTSD as well as Evidence Based therapies such as Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT).

Unique Aspects of Practicum:

All SW HPTs participate in 1-hour of weekly group supervision and 1-hour of clinical series (i.e., educational didactics) throughout the training year. Clinical series topics include (but are not limited to): suicide assessment and prevention, abuse and neglect reporting, advance directives, documentation guidance, law and ethics, DSM, palliative care and hospice, grief and loss, boundaries and termination, and more! All SW HPTs participate in a 2-day Motivational Interviewing training in the Fall, a 2-day Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression training in the Spring, and a 2-part Morbidity, Mortality & Adverse Event 4- hour Conference (Part 1 – Fall, Part 2 – Spring).

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Weekdays, 7am to 4:30p (depending on program)
Format of stipend	Stipend, non-taxed
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	Yes
Language	English
Live scan/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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Program Development *Administrative/Project Management *Community Outreach/Marketing *Policy *Community Organization *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 *Mental Health *Outpatient Health Setting *Health Maintenance Organization 	<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:
<i>Inpatient Departments</i>	<i>Outpatient Departments</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Community Nursing Home * Community Residential Care * Medical Foster Home * Inpatient Palliative Care Consultation Team * Inpatient Hospice/Palliative Care * Community Home Hospice/Palliative Care *VHA Community Living Centers *Inpatient Geriatric Evaluation and Management *Veteran Directed Homes and Community Based Services *Inpatient Geriatric Consultation *State Veteran Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *VA Adult Day Health Care *Community Adult Day Health Care *Home-Based Primary Care/Home Health Aide * Purchased Skilled Home Nursing *Geriatric Patient Aligned Care Team *Outpatient Geriatric Clinics *Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center

Opportunity:

VA is a leader in the provision of innovative geriatric care models, including the Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT), telehealth, rehabilitation services, long term services and supports (including nonskilled care), and contracting with community-based services to support living at home. VA makes these resources available to help health care professionals provide quality care to Veterans, their families, their caregivers, and all older Americans.

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center Geriatrics Program is focused on older adult senior care. Conditions may include memory problems, sleep problems, falls, bone loss or weight loss. Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center assesses the Veteran's situation and condition to decide which geriatric services are right for the Veteran and then coordinate their care.

Tibor Rubin VA's team of specialists provides geriatric services that include:

- Outpatient Geriatric Services
- Inpatient Geriatric Services (Community Living Center)
- Medicine and nursing
- Psychology, psychiatry, and social work
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Contract Nursing Home (CNH)
- Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)
- Homemaker Home Health Aide (H/HHA)
- Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC)

Geriatrics and Extended Care Program (<https://www.patientcare.va.gov/geriatrics.asp>)

The shared purpose of all Geriatric and Extended Care programs is to prevent or lessen the burden of disability on older, frail, chronically ill patients, and their families/caregivers, and to maximize each patient's functional independence. Because the course of chronic illness varies, the health care needs of the chronically ill patient also change, requiring the services of one, some, or all Geriatrics and Extended Care services over time. Community Residential Care, VA Community Living Centers, Community Nursing Homes, and State Veteran Homes assist Veterans who are not able to live independently. Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Centers support the advancement and integration of research, education, and clinical achievements. Geriatric Evaluation & Management, Geriatric Primary Care, and Inpatient Respite offers interdisciplinary inpatient or outpatient services to elderly patients. Hospice and Palliative Care offer a continuum of comfort-oriented and supportive services provided in the home, community, outpatient, or inpatient settings for persons with advanced illness.

The Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care advances quality care for aging and chronically ill Veterans by providing policy direction for the development, coordination, and integration of geriatrics and long-term care clinical programs, and for the advancement of geriatrics and long-term care through research, education, and evaluation of new clinical models. (<https://www.va.gov/geriatrics/>)

Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)

Adult Day Health Care programs provide health maintenance and rehabilitative services to Veterans in a group setting during daytime hours. VA introduced this program in 1985. In 2008, VA operated 21 programs directly and provided purchased ADHC services at 113 VA medical centers. One state home provides ADHC services.

Adult Day Health Care is an outpatient day program that provides health maintenance and rehabilitative services to frail elderly and functionally impaired veterans. These services are delivered by a team of health professionals and support staff that strives to help participants and their caregivers develop the knowledge and skills necessary to manage care in the home.

Adult Day Health Care - https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICAL/pages/Adult_Day_Health_Care.asp

Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Centers (GRECC)

These centers increase the basic knowledge of aging for health care providers and improve the quality of care through the development of improved models of clinical services

and a wide variety of educational activities targeting VA staff and trainees from the full range of health disciplines.

Each GRECC has an identified one or more foci of research in the basic biomedical, clinical and health services area.

Begun in 1975, there are now 20 GRECCs in all but two of VA's health care networks.

Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Centers (the GRECCs) are designed for the advancement and integration of research, education, and clinical achievements in geriatrics and gerontology into the total VA healthcare system. All of the GRECCs focus on various aspects in the quality of life and care for the aging veterans and are the forefront of leading-edge research and education. (<https://www.va.gov/grecc/>)

Home-Based Primary Care

This Program (formerly Hospital Based Home Care) began in 1970 and provides long-term primary medical care to chronically ill veterans in their own homes under the coordinated care of an interdisciplinary treatment team. This program has led to guidelines for medical education in home care, use of emerging technology in home care and improved care for Veterans with dementia and their families who support them. In 2008, home-based primary care programs were located in 128 VA medical centers.

Home-Based Primary Care provides primary health care to homebound to patients that live in the community. HPBC is designed to serve the chronically ill through the months and years before death, providing primary care, palliative care, rehabilitation, disease management and coordination or care services. Home Based Primary Care

- https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Home_Based_Primary_Care.asp

Homemaker and Home Health Aide (H/HHA)

VA began a program in 1993 of health-related services for service-connected Veterans needing nursing home care.

These services are provided in the community by public and private agencies under a system of case management provided directly by BA staff. In 1999, this program was expanded to cover all enrolled Veterans. VA purchased H/HHA services at 142 medical centers in 2008.

Provides clinical expertise in home and community coordination, provision of the continuity of care, and referral of patients to community agencies, VA programs, including skilled home health aide, and adult day health care. They also function as a liaison to community agencies, as well as monitor their services. Homemaker and Home Health Aide Care

- https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Homemaker_and_Home_Health_Aide_Care.asp

Respite Care

Respite care temporarily relieves the spouse or other caregiver from the burden of caring for a chronically ill or disabled Veteran at home. In the past, respite care admission was limited to an institutional setting, typically a VA nursing home.

The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act expanded respite care to home and other community settings, and home respite care was provided at 122 VA medical centers in fiscal year 2008. Currently, institutional respite care programs operate in 136 VA nursing home care units. Respite care is usually limited to 30 days per year.

Respite Care provides temporary relief, assistance and support to those veterans and their primary caregiver/family who are dealing with long- term disability/chronic illness in their home. Respite can be provided in an adult day facility to provide rest to the full-time caregivers, this option should not be confused with the provision of adult day care services to veterans for therapeutic activities to enhance their physical and emotional well-being. Respite Care

- https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Respite_Care.asp

Hospice Care - https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Hospice_Care.asp

Palliative Care - https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Palliative_Care.asp

Skilled Home Health Care - https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Skilled_Home_Health_Care.asp

Remote Monitoring Care - https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Remote_Monitoring.asp

Veteran-Directed Care - https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/pages/Veteran-Directed_Care.asp

Unique Aspects of Placement:

Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center offers an in-depth fulfilling intern experience for social work healthcare professional trainees (SWHPTs) that encompasses clinical care, program development/evaluation, outreach, research, and education in a variety of geriatric settings. Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center provides an environment that introduces interns to a national comprehensive continuum of care medical model that foster a diverse immersive experience with Veterans addressing a multitude of physical and mental health care issues. The SWHPT not only has a primary internship experience in an area of interest, but also could precept and shadow across several other departments. Furthermore, the GSWEC SWHPT will be provided weekly supplemental meetings for additional support and learning in areas such as the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5-TR) and research.

WISE and Healthy Aging – Holistic Elder Abuse Response Team

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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesdays required; internship hours are 8:30am-5pm
Format of stipend	\$4,000, non-taxed stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	None, Spanish preferred
Live scan/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, getting restraining orders filed) for elder and dependent adult abuse survivors. This program assess clients 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 tele- support groups. GSWEC student would be offered the opportunity to participate in the aforementioned roles alongside HEART staff. Additionally, students will conduct trainings to community groups about how to detect abuse and access available resources.	<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 *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, getting restraining orders filed) for elder and dependent adult abuse survivors. This program incorporates pre- and post-testing for depression, anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and abuse. Services are primarily provided in client's homes or at the agency's 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 imposter 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 Center of Excellence, Multidisciplinary Team: 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.

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.

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

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

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WISE and Healthy Aging – Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

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6. Palmdale Office 2271 E. Palmdale Blvd., Suite B, Palmdale, CA. 93550
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Agency Requirements	
Specific Day/Hours	Wednesday Required; internship hours 8:30am-5pm
Format of stipend	\$4,000, non-taxed stipend
Work Study	No
Site-Based Interview	Yes
US Citizenship	No
Language	None, Preferred languages include Farsi, Russian, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish
Live scan/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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Advocacy *Crisis Intervention *Case Management - Short-Term *Family *End of Life *Information and Referral *Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *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.

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.

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.

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