

**Marin County Health and Human Services, Division of Community Mental Health 2012-2013**

**Practicum in Forensic Mental Health**

**Forensic Psychology or Social Work** students will have a primary assignment to the Supported Treatment After Release (S.T.A.R) program. All students will have 1 hour of individual supervision by a licensed primary supervisor and 1 hour of individual or group supervision with a licensed psychologist. A third hour of individual supervision, conjoint therapy or supervision with the clinical team also occurs in most weeks. **All practicum students must be on site on Thursdays and Fridays** for the STAR Clinical Consultation Team meeting and the didactic Allied Clinical Services Seminar and Mental Health Court. **The placement requires a minimum of 3 days and 20 hours per week, Sept-June.** Testing opportunities are available but limited, usually 3-5 batteries per year.

**Forensic Mental Health/S.T.A.R (Supported Treatment After Release)**

- Individual Psychotherapy Caseload: 4-6 clients
- Intensive Case Management as required by caseload
- Community Outreach and Mental Health Court
- Diagnostic assessment opportunities: General assessment measures plus PCLR-20 and HCR-20
- Experience with principles of restorative community justice and strengths based recovery model.

**Must have transportation for seeing clients in the community and be available on days noted above.**

**Students who can commit to 24 hours/week and who are available on Wednesday and Thursday may participate in DBT-informed Skills Group Training and Consultation Group**

**Stipend (\$1000-2000) for language proficiency in Spanish or Vietnamese. Fluency must be demonstrated in the interview.**

**Interested and qualified students may apply for participation in the West Coast Trauma Retreat, an intervention for first-responders effected by PTSD.**

## Clinical Training Overview

Additional information and program updates are available at [http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/mh/intern\\_faq.cfm](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/main/mh/intern_faq.cfm)

The Program Orientation, weekly Allied Clinical Services Seminar, and case conferences include the following domains of learning over the course of the 12 month program. Topics are further explored in individual and group supervision and peer consultation meetings. Discussion of cultural sensitivity, cultural competency and psychologists' social responsibility is integrated into discussions at all levels of instruction.

Fall Term		Winter Term		Spring/Summer Term	
Orientation to Community Mental Health	Initial Phase of Treatment	Dynamics of Middle Phase		The Concluding Phase of Treatment	
Treatment Alliance and Commitment to Therapy	Assessment and Treatment Planning	Designing and Evaluating Effective Interventions	Consultation, Referral and Consolidation of Therapeutic Growth	Introduction to Supervision	
Initial Diagnostic Assessment		Crisis Assessment and Intervention	Professional Development and Clinical Practice		Alternative Summer Rotations
Cultural Competency in Engagement and Assessment		Designing Culturally Competent Interventions	Resource Development and Advocacy In Community Mental Health		Exam Preparation
Biosocial-Developmental Perspective on the Effects of Trauma and Neglect					

Instructors are drawn from program faculty and professionals in the community. Sequence and specificity of topics vary somewhat each year in response to needs and interests of the intern group, but all of the above topics are included annually. Detailed calendars from recent years are available and provided at the time candidates are interviewed.

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## Forensic Fieldwork Application Process

**Candidates should have 2 years of supervised clinical experience (in a graduate program or in related clinical employment) and a commitment to service in the public sector.**

**Application: Send a c.v., 2 or 3 letters of recommendation including one from a clinical supervisor, and a letter describing your motivation for public service with seriously mentally ill forensic clients.**

**Mail to Carol Kerr, Ph.D., Marin CMHS, 250 Bon Air Road, Greenbrae, CA 94904**

**We accept applications beginning in December and interview in February and March  
Forensic track admissions will be rolling until filled. Candidates may apply through the BAPIC selection process but we cannot guarantee holding positions for UND as we consider non-BAPIC schools in this process.**