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CalsWEC Mental Health Services Act Stipend

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Mission

The primary mission of the CalSWEC II Mental Health Initiative is the development of a professionally trained, culturally competent social work workforce that will meet the needs of the public mental health system in California.

The initiative's first project is a set of public Mental Health Competencies that guide in both educational and agency activities to prepare the future MSW-level workforce.

The initiative has forged a partnership with education and mental health practitioners representing the 20 schools and departments of social work across the state, the 58 county mental health departments, and a variety of other key stakeholders with expertise in public mental health practice and policy.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much financial aid is provided?

A: The Mental Health Stipend provides one year of financial support of \$18,500.00 for full-time second year MSW students who complete the MSW program with appropriate specialization in preparation of career in public mental health.

Q: What is the student's work commitment after graduation?

A: Upon graduation, all students must work in a California county public mental health agency or community-based organization under contract to a county public mental health agency for a period of one year equal for the time of support. Volunteer alternatives are possible.

Q: How many stipends are available?

A: The mental health stipend program may award 10 stipends per academic year.

Q: How are students selected to receive the stipend?

A: Students apply to the department and must meet normal admission requirements. Admitted students may apply for the mental health stipend by completing an application form and statement of career objective and are in good standing.

Q: Who should I contact for more information?

A: Kristin Carraway Public Mental Health Stipend Administrative Assistant (559) 278-3076 or email: titleivesa@csufresno.edu

CalSWEC Public Mental Health Services Stipend

The CalSWEC Public Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Stipend provides support to full-time social work students who are preparing for professional social work careers in public mental health services systems. \$18,500 support is offered to full time graduating students; students pay tuition, books, and mileage out of this amount and incur a one year employment "pay back" commitment.

The Stipend Program promotes MHSA Recovery Model Principles of:

- Family focused
- Child centered
- Individualized
- Services provided in least restrictive environment
- Coordinated among multiple service delivery systems, collaboration; system of care orientation.
- Culturally and linguistically competent
- Wellness and Resilience –
 - *Role of social environment and lifepath, lifestyle values
 - *Focus on protective factors that promote and support adaptation
 - *Develop and reinforce social support (family, peer group, school and community)
- Recovery
 - *Work towards system reduction in the context of wellness and social integration
 - *Attention to different levels of functioning
 - *Hope follows willingness to act – movement towards taking control of one's life leads to attaining a satisfying life



Participation Requirements

Must be enrolled full-time and maintain good standing.

2nd year MSW of study; graduation same year.

Demonstrate commitment to pursue a career in public mental health services

Internship takes place in a county public mental health agency, or community based organization under contract to a county mental health agency for a period of 1 year equal to the time of support.

The field internship is limited to agencies that serve *voluntary* mental health consumers.

Incorporate Public Mental Health Competencies into Internship Learning Agreement

Enroll in a year long, weekly 3 hour seminar (3 units), and participate in the monthly Public Mental Health Seminar/Symposium.

Agree to complete survey assessments for ongoing evaluation of the program; during graduate studies and after graduation

Conduct a thesis or project related to public mental health services.

Present results of the project/thesis at the College of Health and Human Services Annual Research Symposium held in May.

Pay Back & Other Requirements

Upon graduation with an MSW, 1 year of employment in a county mental health agency (or CBO mental health program contracted to provide services to county consumers) for each year of stipend support.

If, upon graduation, the student does not complete the 1 year work commitment, the stipend will be treated as a "loan" that is "paid back" according to the formula stipulated in the stipend contract.

Monthly job search forms until employment is secured. If employment is terminated before payback is completed, monthly reporting will resume.

Graduates must provide evidence of qualifying employment to CSUF within 180 days; employment can be secured in any of the 58 California counties.

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