

A few examples of **Social Work (general)** Placements available through The Philadelphia Center

ActionAIDS; Social Work Intern: ActionAIDS is a Philadelphia-based organization in partnership with people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, that works to sustain and enhance quality of life. ActionAIDS provides a range of direct services and takes an active and professional approach to leadership in service, education and advocacy. Staff, volunteers and the board of directors are committed to including and assisting people from our heterogeneous community and are responsive to the dynamic needs generated by the epidemic.

CARIE; Intake Intern: The Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE), is a non-profit organization, based in Philadelphia, dedicated to improving the quality of life for vulnerable older people through education, advocacy and action. CARIE is seeking an intern to serve as an intake worker. Intern would field telephone calls from seniors and caregivers, take their complaints and questions and then refer them to the appropriate department within CARIE, either the ombudsman program, which provides advocacy and problem resolution for residents of personal care home and nursing homes or the CARIE LINE program which provides information, options counseling and advocacy for older adults living in their own homes or apartments with a special emphasis on assistance to older victims of crime and abuse. This is an excellent opportunity to learn active and empathetic listening, problem identification and assessment, and interactions with a broad variety of individuals. You will also learn a great deal about elder rights and benefits, navigating government agencies, the long term care system as well as elder abuse and the criminal justice system. CARIE provides a flexible and informal work environment and staff will provide other learning opportunities such as shadowing staff, attending trainings and meetings, and other duties as determined by the intern's interests and CARIE's needs.

Family Support Services; Intern: The Fairmount Early Intervention Center is a specialized setting for three-to-five year-old children with significant developmental needs. Fairmount's purpose is to help children learn, and our staff works to develop each child's individual potential within the context of a group setting. Classrooms are set up to foster development in an environment that is stimulating and fun, with a focus on bridging the gap between the child's disabilities and typical development. Fairmount has four classrooms, each of which is staffed with a special educator and assistant teacher. In addition to the staff educators, Fairmount has occupational, physical, and speech therapists who work in classrooms to support children in their daily activities. Children's families have access to an on-staff social worker to assist them with a variety of issues and needs impacting their child's development. Nurse consultants are also available to assist families in identifying and accessing help for developmentally-related children's health issues. Each child enrolled at Fairmount has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). This IEP is based on the child's Evaluation Report (ER), as well as input from a team of early intervention staff, parents, and other participants who may be suggested by parents. The IEP develops goals and strategies which address the child's needs in class, at home and in other settings.

Hahnemann Hospital; Intern: The Psychiatric Mental Health Care Unit at Hahnemann Hospital is a 20-bed acute psych unit. Patients have a variety of disorders

(schizophrenia to MR to drug abuse). Patients are admitted with some sort of medical diagnoses as well as psych symptoms. The Mental Health Care Unit staff consists of doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists, and mental health assistants. Psychiatric Mental Health Care Intern will attend treatment plan meetings every day; work with patients in art and music therapy as well as daily meditation; make patient follow-up calls (a small study on how many patients make it to their next doctor's appointment after discharge). Freedom to interact with patients, nurses, and assistants. This position is ideal for students interested in psychiatry and working in a hospital setting. This position offers detailed exposure to working with patients who have various mental disorders. Wonderful opportunity to understand the developmental, medical, psychological, and psychosocial factors that affect patients in the ward; as well as learning the importance of prevention and solid discharge planning. Best suited for students that are willing and able to take initiative in order to meet learning objectives.

Maternity Care Coalition; MOMobile: Maternity Care Coalition's mission is to improve maternal and child health and well-being through the collaborative efforts of individuals, families, providers and communities. MCC's MOMobile Program began in 1989 as a community-based outreach and family support program for pregnant women, new parents, infants and their families. Community health workers called MOMobile Advocates help families negotiate health care and social service systems, linking them to prenatal care, pediatric and women's health care, no cost or low cost health insurance for children, behavioral health services, nutrition programs and other community resources. Advocates also facilitate voter registration, cultural mediation and disseminate welfare to work information. Advocates provide health education (including HIV prevention and lead poisoning reduction) and case management to families through the new baby's first birthday. Students interested in social work, human service, public health, health, counseling, advocacy, and working with families would benefit from placement at the Maternity Care Coalition.

Project H.O.M.E; Advocacy Intern: Since 1989, Project H.O.M.E. (Housing, Opportunities, Medical Care, and Education) has helped more than 6,800 individuals in Philadelphia break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. The mission of the Project H.O.M.E. community is to empower persons to break that cycle, to address structural causes of poverty, and to enable all people to attain full potential as individuals and as members of the broader society. This is achieved by providing a continuum of care comprised of street outreach; supportive housing; and comprehensive services including health care, education, and employment. Project H.O.M.E. also addresses the root causes of homelessness through neighborhood revitalization programs, including affordable housing development; employment training and opportunities; adult and youth education; health care; and environmental enhancement. Advocacy and Counseling Assistant works in entry-level residences, in the areas of outreach and advocacy. The placement can be designed to fit specific interests of the student drawing on a range of supportive services including: health care, mental health services, recovery services dealing with substance abuse issues, and more.

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