

## *A sampling of Creative Arts Therapy field placements available through The Philadelphia Center:*

**Hall-Mercer Mental Health Services; Therapeutic Day Program Intern:** Hall-Mercer provides a wide variety of outpatient services for children, ages 3-18 who are challenged by mental health problems. To meet specific needs, the process begins with a thorough assessment of the nature of the problem and the cultural, social and economic make-up of the family. Once these factors are determined, Hall-Mercer can suggest and deliver a number of treatment and service approaches. These include several levels of case management services as well as individual, family, group, medication and art therapy. TAP (Therapeutic Activities Program) is a therapeutic nursery school to help children ages 3-5 play and work together under the guidance of a therapist and special education teachers. STEP is a Shared Time Education Program for the social, psychological and academic needs of children ages 6-10 who are experiencing mild to moderate emotional disturbances in a regular or special education classroom. SAP (Student Assistance Program) offers a middle- and high-school based service provided by Hall-Mercer to schools in South Philadelphia through a special relationship with the School District of Philadelphia. SAP is designed to identify and assist students having school-related problems resulting from depression or suicidal feelings. As part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, Hall Mercer provides Mental Health Services for Children and Adults at Pennsylvania Hospital.

**Oasis; Art Department Intern:** Oasis is a not-for-profit artist-run studio and community center, which provides quality of life services for people who have been marginalized by chronic homelessness, mental retardation and mental illness. They aim to rebuild lives of dignity through artistic programming, which helps people express themselves and reintegrate into the larger community. Oasis assists, supports, and encourages each individual to set and obtain goals, develop life skills, and to strive for his or her fullest human potential. The intern may be responsible for assisting in group art classes, teaching classes, interviewing students, curating art shows, helping participants develop life skills, and increasing overall quality of life for program participants.

**Urban Bridges at St. Gabriel's; Child Care/Arts Educator/Tutor:** Urban Bridges at St. Gabriel's is a non-profit, community-based organization providing art enrichment, educational opportunities, and technology training for low-income, inner city residents. Since beginning after school outreach in 1990, the Urban Bridges Arts and Academics Academy focuses on various art forms and academic assistance. The Academy is now home five afternoons a week to 45 children in grades 1-8 who receive instruction in art, music, dance, drama, computer, and academic assistance. Artist Residency Program opportunities have expanded to include artist residency programs in area schools and reached over 300 children during the last three years. Internship responsibilities could include mentoring, tutoring, helping with homework, and helping teach arts classes with the children. Opportunities are also available to tutor and mentor adults in literacy, GED, ESL, and computer classes.

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