



Masters of Social Work Internship Program

Overview

Hope For The Warriors® provides field placement for Masters of Social Work (MSW) students in their foundation or advanced second year of Graduate School. The ultimate goal of the program work with each intern is to ensure that they graduate and enter the field of social work with thorough understanding of the needs and challenges of today's military family and a respect for their service and sacrifice.

Currently, Hope For The Warriors® has two (2) social work professionals that are qualified to be field supervisors. The current program is operated by:

- 2 LMSW
- 1 Clinical Director, Registered Art Therapist (Preceptor)
- 1 Clinical Case Manager (Preceptor)
- Executive Leadership for Preceptor (Leadership and Development)

Total Students: 13

Total Staff: 4

LMSW/preceptors are managing 6 – 7 students each. Recommended student assignment is two (2) students per LMSW/preceptor. In order to expand and guarantee sustainability of the program, Hope For The Warriors® needs to increase the LMSW and preceptor staff.

Program Benefits to MSW Students

Through the MSW Internship Program, students gain firsthand experience by working closely with staff members experienced at supporting military families. Students are accepted on a part-time or full-time basis. Throughout the internship, the students gain experience through:

- One-on-one interaction with service members and actual social work cases
- Supervision by a Licensed Master Social Worker
- Exposure and in depth knowledge of the needs and challenges of today's military and their families

Program Benefits to Hope For The Warriors®

As a small but national nonprofit organization, Hope For the Warriors® has utilized the MSW Internship Program to positively increase services provided. Interns have supported the expansion of:

- Case and Crisis Management
- Clinical Intervention and Support
- Organization Development
- Grant Research and Writing

Internship Requirements for MSW Students

Specific program requirements vary from state to state, most students are required to complete between 1,000 and 1,500 hours of field work and supervision in order to graduate from their Masters in Social Work program and become a licensed social worker. The MSW Internship through Hope For The Warriors® provides students the opportunity to gain the required clinical hours within their foundation or advanced second year. Opportunities are provided for the following academic tracks:

- Clinical
- Family and Mental Health
- Combined Community and Clinical Concentration
- Nonprofit Development
- Leadership

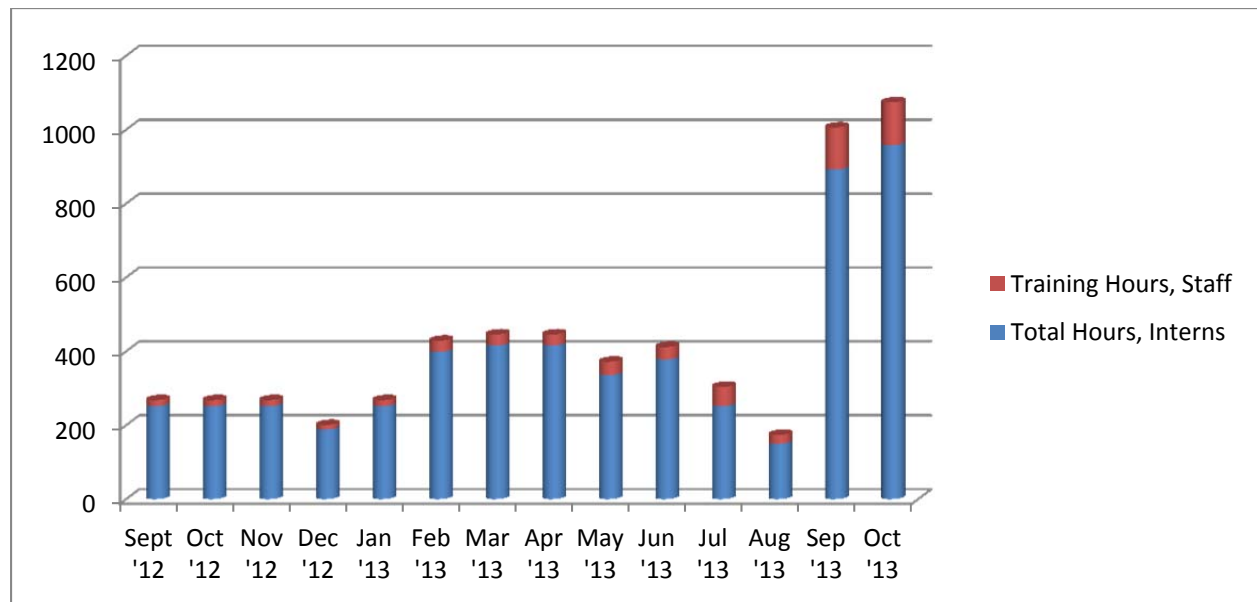
Requirements of the Nonprofit

In order to manage the internship program, Hope For The Warriors® must follow set guidelines. Most academic institutions require the field supervisor (staff member within agency/nonprofit) to have a minimum of three (3) years post graduate experience and a state license as a social worker.

For each student accepted in the MSW internship, Hope For The Warriors® requires three (3) staff members.

- Field Supervisor (LMSW or greater)
- Preceptor or Task Supervisor (1-2 multidisciplinary)
- Staff Trainer

Field Supervisors are required to maintain two (2) hours minimum per week, per student in field supervision. Additional hours are required to maintain process recordings, case reviews and other related academic paperwork.



Current Office Placements

- Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC 2 – 3 Students
- Washington DC Region 2 Students
- New York, NY 4 Students
- Tampa, FL 1 Student
- Southern Illinois University 2 Students
- Houston, TX 1 Student
- Los Angeles, CA 1 Student

University Partners

Hope For The Warriors® has worked with interns from the following institutions:

- Fordham University
- Columbia University
- University of Southern California.
- Touro University,
- Eastern Carolina University
- Southern Illinois State University

More Information

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