

Oak Roots Dynamic Practicum 2016-2017

Practicum opportunity for graduate students in Social Work, Counseling, or Psychology

This training program is a collaboration between private practice, nursing home, and hospice organizations to provide students an opportunity to work in depth with older adults and their families. Oak Roots Dynamic will hire, train, and supervise trainees to provide clinical support in the nursing home and hospice environments. Trainees will work within multiple interdisciplinary healthcare teams to understand how health and aging impact the mental health of patients and families to ease distress, improve patient outcomes, and provide a range of mental health services to support wellness. Trainees will be prepared for work in various environments through this practicum experience.

12 month commitment (beginning July/August annually)

20-24 hours/week (some flexibility needed)

8-12+ hours/week at WAUCONDA CARE CENTRE

- Provide individual and family counseling to long-term residents and rehab patients
- Develop and facilitate groups for residents
- Develop and facilitate mental health related educational workshops for residents, staff, family and community members
- Participate in care plan meetings for your clients (through documentation always, in person when feasible)
- Complete documentation for all counseling, group sessions
- Support facility staff in providing best possible care for patients and families, including end-of-life discussions, advance care planning, behavior mgmt., etc.

4-6+ hours/week at FAMILY CENTERED HOSPICE

- Make phone calls to bereaved families
- Assist in development and facilitation of grief support groups, workshops, and other programs
- Complete documentation for all contact with bereaved families and/or hospice patients
- Assist Bereavement Team with case management, program development, staff/community education, memorial services
- Attend assigned IDT meeting(s) at least quarterly (preferably monthly)
- Additional duties available for primarily supportive (non-direct) hours with the Volunteer Coordinator (visiting patients, volunteer education, supervision, marketing/outreach)

3+ hours/week at OAK ROOTS DYNAMIC

- 1 hour individual supervision/week with John Corso, LCSW
- 2 hours group supervision and/or didactics each month
- 6+ hours/week for research, reading, preparation, treatment planning, etc.
- *Possibility for private practice clients or other experiences based on business development as opportunities arise*

Process for Interview, Selection, and Training

1. Send your application materials (Cover Letter, CV, 3 Letters Of Recommendation) to Oak Roots Dynamic at oakrootsdynamic@gmail.com.
2. Applicants who are selected to move forward with the process will have an in-person interview with ORD management and final candidates will also interview with administration at Wauconda Care Centre.
3. Candidates offered a position will be required to successfully complete all FCH Hospice Volunteer requirements and training PRIOR to beginning practicum orientation (application, background check, 2-part TB test, online training, provide copies of driver's license, auto insurance, ETC)
4. Formal orientation will begin in July and include training through Oak Roots Dynamic, Wauconda Care Centre, and Hospice Bereavement Volunteer Training before beginning clinical work.

Preferred Candidates will...

- Be comfortable working with older adults and family systems, as well as discussing death and dying on a regular basis in a mature, professional manner.
- Have reliable transportation and willingness to travel among multiple locations on regular basis (*Oak Roots Dynamic Office in Palatine, Wauconda Care Centre in Wauconda, and Family Centered Hospice office in Addison and programming throughout Chicagoland area*).
- Show good judgment and decision-making skills when working independently.

TO APPLY:

SEND YOUR 1) COVER LETTER, 2) CV, AND 3) THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO OAKROOTSDYNAMIC@GMAIL.COM.