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## **School Counselor Internship Opportunity**

School Counselor graduate students who are interested in fulfilling their practicum and internship hours in the Lowell Joint School District are encouraged to apply online through Ed-join to participate in our Internship Opportunities. As part of the selection process, candidates will be screened and interviewed. Our innovative programs provide the opportunity for leadership, practical application, consultation, and assessment skills necessary to be a highly effective School Counselor. The intern school counseling position supports the school counseling program in the areas of academics, career, and social/emotional development. Enhance the learning process for all students to facilitate school achievement and to prepare them to be responsible and productive members of society. Participate in specialized training and support services that emphasize support for homeless, foster youth, and adopted students.

As an intern in the Lowell Joint School District you will learn to:

- *Work effectively with all students to ensure their success*
- *Network & collaborate with parents, teachers, and administrators to Develop and refine your skills adhering to the National Association of School Counselor standards*
- *Be a part of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports and provide social, emotional and behavioral interventions for all students*
- *Participate in all district professional development opportunities*
- *Administer essential educational assessments*
- Participate in Student Success Team ("SST") meetings and interventions
- Deliver short-term, school-based counseling services to general education students.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Collaborate with school site supervisor on learning plan and goals for the internship.
- Possess a beginning working knowledge of intervention and prevention models.
- Implement interventions for the purposes of fostering better social-emotional and academic skills.
- Collaborate with school on universal interventions for students such as peer mediation, conflict mediation, academic interventions, etc.
- Learn and participate in academic reviews for student progress, including transcript reviews, credit recovery options, and planning for post-secondary options.
- Develop knowledge of high school and college admissions requirements; consult with students on post-secondary options. Guide students on college and financial aid applications.
- Consult with school site supervisor on crisis and child abuse reporting when necessary.
- Prepare and participate in classroom presentations with the counseling team.
- Attend staff meetings to develop an understanding of programs and processes and to contribute to future programming.
- Collaborate with parents, school site teachers, staff, and other stakeholders to promote student growth and development.
- If needed, under the direction of the site administrator, attend/participate in Student Study Team (SST), 504, and Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings.
- Other duties and projects as assigned and in alignment with university program criteria.
- Consistently and routinely update case files for students on his/her caseload. Utilize various tracking tools and school information systems to keep updated on student progress.
- Continually improve counseling skills by seeking constructive feedback and professional development opportunities.

- Exhibit positive rapport with students.
- Under the direction of the school counselor/SST coordinator, plan, organize, and coordinate SST meetings in alignment with the District's policy and procedures.
- Under the direction of the school counselor, deliver short-term school-based services to general education students.
- Provides support for regular check-in and preventive support services for the needs of foster youth, adopted, homeless or McKinney Vento students.
- Attends SELPA and District trainings to help promote resources and coordinate services for foster youth, adopted, homeless or McKinney Vento
- Attends specialized trainings to help support foster youth, adopted, homeless or McKinney Vento students.
- Under the guidance of the School Counselor, serves as the liaison for connecting foster youth, adopted, homeless or McKinney Vento students and families with outside resources.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

School counseling interns will have the opportunity to participate in the following professional development opportunities:

- Attend monthly meetings with the school counseling department to collaborate, share, and learn about current educational counseling practices.
- Option to attend monthly special education department meetings for additional background training.
- Acquire certification hours at the elementary and junior high level.
- Optional educational experiences with a local feeder high school.

## **ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- At least 24 hours per week for 30 weeks of the school year. Hours are flexible, but typical school day is 9 -3. Assigned weeks are flexible to work within the university schedule.
- At least 2 days of orientation and preparation prior to the start of the school year.
- School Year official begins in August.
- Paid internship is \$12,000, which is paid in 10 equal increments.