



Counseling Internship

Chicago Women's Health Center (CWHC) was established in 1975 as a feminist health collective. CWHC facilitates the empowerment of women, trans people, and young people by providing access to health care and health education in a respectful environment where people pay what they can afford. All services are provided on a sliding scale and regardless of a client's ability to pay. CWHC values diversity, striving to represent the communities it serves and to be affirming of all identities and life experiences. CWHC's modified collective structure means that every member has input into policy decisions and shares responsibility for the work of the organization.

Position: Counseling Intern provides individual, couples, and group counseling services. Counseling is provided from a feminist-relational perspective, and the values of client self-determination and empowerment are seen as an integral part of the therapeutic relationship. Essential to this position is a commitment to anti-oppressive practices, and racial, gender, and disability justice.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Maintain a caseload of 11-13 clients for weekly individual counseling sessions. Presenting issues may include depression, anxiety, trauma, relationships, health, gender identity, sexuality, etc.
- Maintain accurate, confidential, timely and HIPAA-compliant records.
- Co-facilitate groups with counseling staff, interns, or volunteers.
- Provide time-limited pregnancy and gender transition related sessions.
- Conduct intakes and provide information about the counseling program to prospective clients and to other therapists and agencies.
- Attend monthly counseling committee meetings, yearly counseling committee retreat, and participate in case consultation. Interns will present a case over the course of their internship at committee meetings.
- Participate in monthly didactics, group clinical and peer supervision sessions.
- Report to the counseling director and your direct supervisor the following situations in a timely fashion:
 - suicidal clients (within 24 hours)
 - clients needing medication referral and evaluation (prior to client's next session)
 - all terminations, whether client-requested or counselor initiated (prior to client's next session)

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- the inclusion of partners, family members or friends in therapy sessions (prior to the establishment of joint session)
- crisis situations that arise involving clinic clients or staff (within 24 hours)
- Act as a resource and assist other counselors or collective members with handling client crises as needed.

Benefits: Academic requirements such as paperwork, supervision and evaluation will be completed by health center staff or licensed volunteers. Weekly supervision by a staff or volunteer counselor, monthly group supervision with other interns, regular committee meetings and case consultation, monthly didactic trainings on feminist-relational framework and other clinical issues, participation in collective environment.

Skills and Qualifications: Open to second-year Masters social work or counseling students and fourth-year PsyD students with relevant experiences such as direct service provision, crisis hotline work, community organizing, case-management, or other advocacy work. Applicants will demonstrate critical self-reflexivity and humility. Prior experience with TGNC/Gender Expansive, queer, and People of Color communities preferred. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal and communication skills; and demonstrate a commitment to developing assessment, therapeutic, and crisis intervention skills. Women of color, LGBTQ individuals, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The ideal applicant aligns with Counseling Committee’s values of anti-oppressive practice and racial, gender, and disability justice.

Application Requirements:

- Cover Letter: In your cover letter, please also discuss what the Counseling Committee’s values mean to you, and your development and role as a clinician.
- CV/Resume
- 2-3 Letters of Recommendation

Submission Instructions:

Submit application requirements to Elinor Lee (pronouns: they, them, theirs or “Elinor”) via email or postal service. Applications are accepted between January 2, 2020 and January 31, 2020. Those invited to complete the second round of application process will be notified in February through a rolling interview process. Internship will begin July 27, 2020 and end in June or July of 2021, depending on degree level. Only complete applications will be considered.

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*CWHC is committed to building and maintaining a diverse staff.
 People of color are strongly encouraged to apply.*

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