



Alameda County Health

Healthy Schools and Communities

Health and academic success are deeply connected, therefore our health and education systems should be too!

What does a HSC intern do?

- A **clinical direct-service intern**, provides behavioral health services to youth and families at a school-site or at the REACH Ashland Youth Center. Services include: individual therapy, case-management, social-emotional wellness groups, classroom push-in support, youth development groups, and milieu support (REACH).
- A combined **direct service + macro-level intern**, spends one day a week providing direct services, and 2 days focused on projects that engage and strengthen systems of behavioral health supports, and build capacity to meet the behavioral health needs of students. Activities such as: program evaluation, program development, designing capacity building frameworks, etc.

What are the internship requirements and preferences?

- Interns must be enrolled in a master's level program with a university that currently has an established agreement with HSC, or have their M.A and Associate #.
- 2nd yr MSW or MFT students preferred but will consider 1st yr candidates with experience in the field
- Previous experience working with children/youth and their families
- Candidates from diverse communities encouraged to apply: Black, Indigenous, and/or POC, Bilingual, LGBTQI+

For questions and/or to submit your resume and letter of interest, please email:

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TRAINING PROGRAM

Internships for social work and counseling graduate level students, and post-graduate associates

As a county program, HSC (Healthy Schools and Communities) is uniquely positioned in schools. Our access and knowledge of school systems provides an invaluable experience to a behavioral health intern who is considering working with youth and families in schools (and beyond!). We are committed to empowering families and youth, growing the capacity of communities to affect change, and building strategic partnerships that link health and education institutions to achieve equity.

What support and training does a HSC intern receive?

- Weekly Clinical Supervision (individual and/or triadic, and group)
- Monthly Case Consultation Group facilitated by HSC staff, **including a group for Spanish speaking providers**
- Monthly clinically focused trainings
- Hands-on systems and capacity building training

In assigning site placements, HSC prioritizes the learning opportunity and experience for an intern. An internship should be a rich and fulfilling experience! We are committed to ensuring that interns feel supported in exploring new areas, asking all the questions, and feeling prepared to accept new challenges. We support interns in exploring not just their current work, but the behavioral health and wellness field as a whole, and the values that led them to this work.

What is the application and program timeline, and does HSC offer a stipend?

- Training program aligns with the public-school calendar. Orientation is the first week of September and the program runs through end of May the following year
- Submit resume and letter of interest at any time
- Screening and interviews begin in February, with offers made by April
- We offer a \$5000/year stipend for those who are not already receiving a placement related stipend (i.e., MHSA, CalSWEC, IBH). Bilingual candidates receive an additional \$500