



*Department of Psychology
Internship Experience (PSYC 410)
Internship Sites*

The College of Charleston

Bishop Gadsden: We are a non-profit organization which provides retirement living for seniors. We emphasize health and wellness and encourage active and independent living by our seniors.

The activity department is responsible for helping residents meet their physical, social, spiritual, and intellectual needs. Interns gain an overall understanding of gerontology, service and care provision to elderly people, and the design of retirement communities and care programs. General healthcare issues for older people, especially mild to moderate dementia, mobility issues, hearing loss, and poor vision are highlighted. As a direct result of your experience, you will learn about the design and implementation of activity programs as a means of maintaining social, spiritual, physical and mental health in old age.

Hours of participation are flexible. Interns will be required to have a tuberculin skin test (PPD) at the start of their internship. Bishop Gadsden will provide this test at no charge to the intern. Transportation is required. The commute from campus is approximately 5 miles one way.

Darkness to Light: We are a national, non-profit organization based in Charleston, South Carolina, whose mission is to reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse by shifting the responsibility for prevention from children to adults. This mission is accomplished through an award winning media campaign that raises public awareness and directs adults to educational tools that will teach them to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to childhood sexual abuse.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of activities, including: participation in community events that involve dissemination of prevention education materials, work on evaluation instruments and the data produced by the use of these instruments, development and distribution of prevention materials.

Interns will learn about the various divisions of work in nonprofit organizations: program development and dissemination, fundraising, public awareness, and management.

Students applying for this internship would be better prepared if they have completed either Developmental Psychology or Abnormal Psychology. Students should also have basic computing skills (i.e., familiarity with Word, Excel, SPSS).

Hours of participation needed are blocks of time in the afternoon (e.g., 1-4). Transportation is not required.

National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center: This organization provides trauma-focused individual and group treatment for child and adult victims of crime and other traumatic events. Work for this internship would involve interacting with children who have been sexually abused, as well as their families.

Interns will be trained on the basic facts relevant to child sexual abuse and will also learn empathic listening skills. Interns would help with the coordination of services among the various agencies providing care to clients. Interns will be involved in weekly case meetings where all service providers discuss treatment plans for clients. Interns would transport clients to various crime related appointments (e.g., medical appointments, mental health treatment, court hearings, interviews with legal personnel).

Students applying for this internship would be better prepared if they have completed either Developmental Psychology or Abnormal Psychology. A criminal background check is required and interns are expected to not have any serious driving violation on their record.

Hours of participation are flexible. Transportation is recommended.

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs – Autism Division: This internship would allow the student to participate in diagnostic evaluations and develop assistive strategies to promote independence for the individual.

The intern will be trained in how to administer various diagnostic instruments and will be involved in assessment report writing. The intern will also be included in research projects ongoing at the agency. Given staff availability, Interns may also be trained in Applied Behavior Analysis and Discrete Trial Training. Finally, an understanding of the disorder and the various levels of the spectrum will also be part of the learning process.

This agency is looking for someone with a basic understanding of autism and a willingness to interact with children with autism.

Hours of participation are flexible. Transportation is required. The commute from campus is approximately 6 miles one way.

Wings for Kids, Inc. at Meminger Elementary: We work to bring social and emotional learning into daily school activities. Interns will work closely with both group leaders and the director of behavior management and learn the importance of social and emotional learning in our after school program. Interns also will learn how to bring social and emotional learning into everyday activities with elementary age children.

Hours of participation are generally between 2:30 – 5:30, Monday through Friday. Transportation is not required.