



Become a Community Partner for UD’s Human Services Internship Program

Our program in a nutshell:

Our Human Services undergraduate program allows students to choose a concentration to fit their career interests. To learn more please visit www.hdfs.udel.edu/prospective/humanservices

- Students complete a 50-Hour field placement, typically in their sophomore and junior years.
- Students with a Clinical Services concentration complete an additional 400-Hour internship capstone experience during their senior year.
- The goal for both levels of field placements is for interns to function as much like entry level staff members as possible (within reason and as appropriate).
- Interns participate in placements specializing in all facets of human services including, but not limited to, mental health/wellness, disability services, public policy, youth development and social work in a variety of settings including non-profits, private sector, government, school based or medical settings.

50-Hour Interns

- Interns complete about 3-5 hours a week over the fall or spring semester, ~10 hours a week over the summer semester.
- During the term of placement, interns must attend the accompanying UD course which typically meets once a week and during this class students will be assigned a variety of assignments to enhance their experience.
- Due to the shortened time commitment, some agencies choose to give 50-hour interns shadowing opportunities or special projects.

400-Hour Interns

- Interns complete about 30-40 hours a week over the fall or spring semester.
- During the semester of placement, interns must attend an accompanying UD seminar course that meets once every other week and for this course, students will be assigned a variety of assignments to enhance their experience.
- The chosen placement must be consistent with the intern’s chosen area of interest and relevant, specified coursework.

Placement Process:

- Organizations interested in hosting one or more of our interns will be asked to complete an Internship Data Form and submit it to the Field Placement Specialist. Pending approval, the organization will be added to the Human Services Internship Database where students can search for potential placements of interest.
- 50-hour interns are responsible for finding their own placement by the first day of their placement semester. 400-hour interns must interview with 2-3 sites of their choosing and will be placed at a site by the Field Placement Specialist based on organization and intern preferences the semester prior to their placement.

Interested in having a significant impact on our students’ professional development? Contact HDFS

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