SERVICES PROVIDED:

The Admissions/Diversion program component of the Social Work Department of Oregon State Hospital (OSH) coordinates required documentation for patients admitted to OSH to obtain “fitness to proceed” with criminal charges. Required information includes documents from the State of Oregon Circuit Courts, District Attorneys, and County Jails. The Admissions/Diversion program also completes Social Work Psychosocial Assessments as described below and facilitates groups to increase patients’ empowerment in recovery.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- Assisting in coordinating admission information for patients deemed ‘unable to proceed’ with legal proceedings due to psychiatric illness.
- Assisting with psychosocial assessments: learning to collect and document histories, clarify the interplay of substance abuse and psychiatric illness in symptom presentation, legal charges and discharge planning considerations.
- Observing, participating, and co-facilitating Relapse Prevention and/or Wellness Recovery Action Planning groups.
- Learn and complete documentation according to hospital standards.
- Attend various meetings for professional development and integrated care.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of HS155 Interviewing Theory and Techniques
- Enrollment or completion of HS265 Casework Interviewing by second term of practicum.
- High level of maturity and reliability due to the severity and chronicity of population served.
- The initial portion of the practicum will be a mandatory 6 day OSH Orientation, (8 am to 5 pm).
- The site supervisor and student will collaboratively develop the student’s orientation schedule.
- The student must commit to three terms.
- The student must meet OSH standards for professional conduct.
- The student must have documentation of a current TB test and a current flu shot.

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK, FINGERPRINTING AND DRUG SCREEN WILL BE REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.

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