Pathfinders of Oregon provides cognitive behavioral programming and cognitive based parenting curriculum to men and women incarcerated with the Department of Corrections (DOC). Large portions of the people served have substance abuse issues. Some have gang involvement or mental health issues. The Living in Freedom Today (LIFT) program encourages and supports new pro-social beliefs and behaviors by focusing on cognitive skills, alcohol and drug education, work skills, and ethics. The cognitive program teaches women how to build and maintain positive relationships. Participants learn to accept responsibility for their criminal behaviors and the harm they caused others. This intensive six-month program provides cognitive programming, case management, drug and alcohol education, and transition support geared to successful re-entry into the community.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- Learn about cognitive behavioral / restructuring programming
- Learn about addictions and recovery for incarcerated women
- Observe, participate, and co-facilitate groups
- Identify community resources supporting transition
- Learn and carry out multiple case management tasks
- Model appropriate pro-social behavior
- Learn and complete documentation
- Attend various meetings for professional development
- Complete all required DOC and Pathfinder training and orientation sessions
- Learn how DOC promotes public safety by holding offenders accountable for their actions and reducing the risk of future criminal behavior through the Oregon Accountability Model
REQUIREMENTS:

- Pass a Criminal History Check
- CADC or currently working towards CADC certification
- Commit to work two terms
- Demonstrate personal initiative and willingness to learn
- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Second-year students only
- Second internship preferred
- Computer skills preferred

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK AND FINGERPRINTING 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.