SERVICES PROVIDED:

The Yamhill County Gospel Rescue Mission (YCGRM) provides emergency as well as long-term shelter in addition to providing emergency supplies for those who are homeless. We partner with other local agencies to promote guest self-sufficiency (job skills training, engaging in community support groups, removing barriers to renting, mentoring, nutrition, home skills). We also help guests to reunite with their families, obtain appropriate identification, resolve legal issues and transition successfully into the community.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

- Answer crisis calls and refer to appropriate agency (e.g., 211).
- Assist with expanding and maintaining the volunteer base
- Assist in facilitation of self-help groups (e.g., tobacco cessation, gender specific groups)
- Assist guests toward self-sufficiency
- Assist Operations Manager with special projects
- Although this is a Christian-based program, students will be asked to sign their Statement of Faith (see below), but this is not a requirement. Students of different or no religious beliefs are welcome and will not be asked to participate in religious education or events.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM STUDENTS:

- Must be compassionate, but with a healthy sense of boundaries
- Must be able to maintain guest confidentiality
- Excellent listening, communication and organizational skills
- Computer skills, including general office skills

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK:

At the end of the term, the practicum student will be able to take with them the experience of completing intakes, gathering data, and most aspects involved with serving the homeless population in a rural setting. The practicum student will become familiar with community resources and the gain skills within the social services offered in Yamhill County.
CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK 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.