SERVICES PROVIDED:

The Yamhill County Chemical Dependency Program is a public, nonprofit alcohol/drug program, with prevention, early intervention, and treatment components. The program is the major public alcohol/drug provider in the county, and is part of the Yamhill County Health and Human Services Department.

Services include:
- Information and referral
- Screening and evaluation
- Outpatient treatment
- Direct prevention services and coordination of prevention services
- Transitional residential and drug-free house settings
- Services in Spanish
- Dual diagnosis, men’s, women’s, adolescents’ services

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM STUDENT:

Practicum students are expected to work at least 10 hours per week, and involvement for two terms is much preferred. Duties range from data collection, client tracking, client record maintenance, to co-facilitation of group activities. Students will observe individual intake, evaluation, and counseling sessions and group sessions before beginning a co-facilitating role. Students will not provide direct client services unless a clinical staff member is present. Student maturity is considered highly important.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM STUDENTS:

Demonstrated ability to:
- Communicate well orally and in writing
- Maintain professional appearance and behavior
- Maintain confidentiality of client information
- Work some evening hours
- Separate own needs and issues from those of clientele

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• Be dependable, accountable and exhibit appropriate boundaries
• Be open to learning and to constructive criticism

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK:

In general, chances for employment with Yamhill County as a counselor following award of an Associate’s Degree are low. Yamhill County requires a bachelor’s degree and a year’s experience to qualify as a first-level counselor. Chances are higher that the graduate may qualify for a different classification of employment, such as case manager or associate.

Students have to be off probation/parole for at least one year before they can be interviewed & accepted for practicum

SECOND YEAR STUDENT

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK MAY 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.