



**THE CHILDREN'S CENTER
OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY**

GRADUATE PRACTICUM CURRICULUM



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Agency Mission and Description:

Our Mission at The Children's Center of the Antelope Valley is "To promote healing and provide protection from abuse through education and expert care for children and families in the Antelope Valley."

Founded in 1988 by a group of doctors and community leaders, the Children's Center of the Antelope Valley (CCAV) is a private, non-profit healthcare organization located in Northern Los Angeles County that provides a continuum of services to child victims of abuse, children at risk of abuse, and their families.

Training Description:

The Center offers innovative and comprehensive prevention, intervention and treatment services and is the coordinating agency of multiple community partnerships involving both public and private agencies.

The Children's Center of the Antelope Valley is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTS, LCSWs, LPCCs, and LEPs working in the fields of social services and mental health.

Training Objectives:

CCAV training is designed to prepare graduate masters and doctoral level students for practice in the fields of mental health and social services. CCAV's program will augment the student's previous knowledge and further develop academic and theoretical understanding as well as a positive attitude for practical applications. The goals of the program include the preparation of clinical practitioners to:

- 1.) Ethically deliver effective diagnostic and therapeutic services to diverse populations.
 - a. Demonstrate diagnostic skills using various techniques such as structured diagnostic clinical interviews and psychological assessment, and utilizing Evidence Based Outcomes Measurements.
 - b. Demonstrate therapeutic skills across diverse modalities (including individual, couples, group and family psychotherapy; crisis intervention; and assessment for high risk behaviors) and innovative evidence based practices (EBPs) such as: Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Seeking Safety, Individual Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (IndCBT), Managing Adaptive Practices (MAP), Crisis Oriented Recovery Services (CORS), Parent-Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT) and Structural Family Therapy.

- c. Demonstrate diagnostic and therapeutic skills with clients diverse in terms of clinical concerns, age (0-17), gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.
 - d. Demonstrate ethical behavior and understanding in conducting diagnostic and therapeutic services and positive interactions with clients, members of the community, and other professionals.
- 2.) Critically evaluate and apply psychological literature to clinical practice.
- a. Formulate case conceptualizations that draw upon theoretical and research knowledge.
 - b. Engage in well-timed and effective intake assessment and therapeutic interventions consistent with current psychological knowledge and the community standard of care.
- 3.) Engage and assist intake department in processing incoming referrals and scheduling intake appointments to help build initial rapport/therapeutic alliance.
- a.) Learn the step-by-step process of risk assessment and triaging during intake appointments.
 - b.) Learn how to engage and collaborate with referring parties such as the L.A. County Department of Mental Health (LAC-DMH), L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), L.A. County Department of Probation, local hospitals, medical offices, and school districts.
- 4.) Learn to apply the integrative Core Practice Model.
- a.) Learn how to effectively deliver case management services in an effort to decrease family barriers, and increase client/family engagement.
 - b.) Demonstrate knowledge to link and provide resources to those in need.
- 5.) Collaborate with other disciplines on case consultations involving a variety of professionals across diverse populations and settings.
- a. Demonstrate appropriate and professional interactions and an ability to work in a multidisciplinary setting with other professionals in the community.
 - b. Appropriately seek consultation or supervision and use it productively.
 - c. Adhere to CCAV and University practicum placement policies, L.A. County Department of Mental Health contractual compliance, and California State Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), Board of Psychology (BOP), California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT), American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (AAMFT), American Psychological Association (APA) and National Association of Social Workers (NASW) ethical and legal guidelines.

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